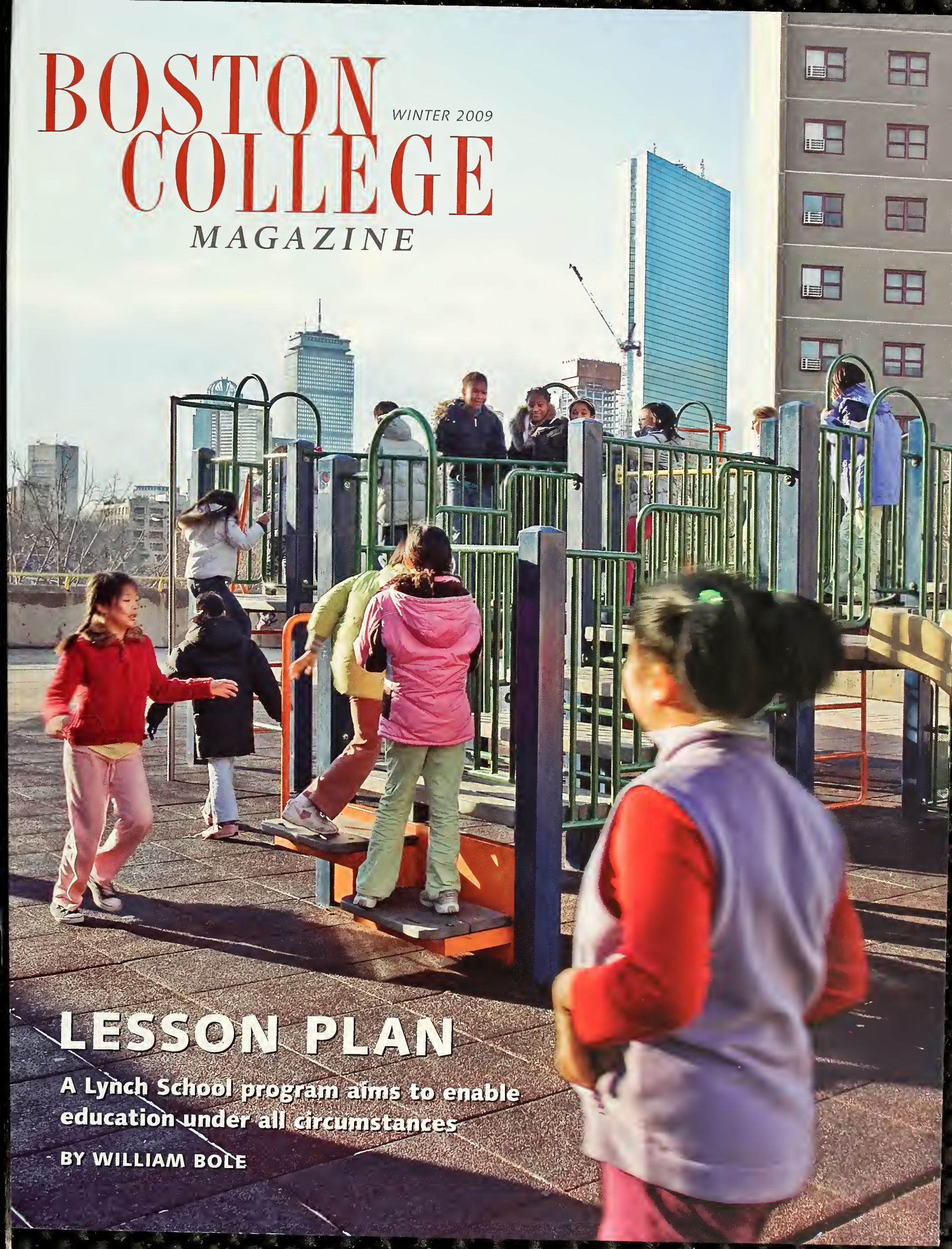


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LESSON PLAN

A Lynch School program aims to enable education under all circumstances

BY WILLIAM BOLE

PROLOGUE

CLASS ACTION

THIS NATION'S IDEA OF EDUCATION AS A REDEMP-
tive force seems first to have been expressed in a 1647
law that compelled the establishment of schools in the
Massachusetts Bay Colony and that has come to be called "The
Old Deluder, Satan, Act" for its piquant opening salvo: "It being
one chief project of that old deluder, Satan, to keep men from
the knowledge of the Scriptures . . ."

The law went on to instruct yeoman farmers clinging to a
narrow bit of shoreline from Cape Cod north to the Ipswich
River that townships comprising 50 or more households were
required to appoint a teacher from whom children would learn
to read and write "to the end that learning may not be buried in
the grave of our forefathers." Additionally and prudently, town-
ships with a hundred or more households were required to
found a "grammar school" in which boys might be "fitted for
the university," meaning, at this time, ministerial education.

A century later and about 300 miles to the south, America's
public schools were charged with a second expansive responsi-
bility when Ben Franklin, the practical-minded scion of Puritan
stock, published "Proposals Relating to the Education of Youth
in Pensilvania." It is a document that in spite of its antique
spelling and locutions feels remarkably contemporary, particu-
larly its argument that education reform was acutely necessary
because neither schools nor pupils nor society were up to the
brave old standards. The commonwealth, Franklin said, needed
to pick up the slack by creating academies that would prepare
boys not merely for Heaven, but also for Broad Street. In his
proposed model school, boys would study "those Things that
are likely to be most useful and *most ornamental*. Regard being
had to the several Professions for which they are intended."

It remained to Thomas Jefferson to add to the tasks of sus-
taining virtue and prosperity the duty of preserving the republic.
He did this several times, but earliest in his 1778 Virginia Bill for
the More General Diffusion of Knowledge, saying, "The most
effectual means of preventing [tyranny] would be, to illuminate,
as far as practicable, the minds of the people at large."

It was a view of education's American role that would garner
massive support once it became clear, a bit more than a decade
later, that the government to which Jefferson was referring was
turning out a rather complicated apparatus, adorned with a
national constitution, a Bill of Rights, branches bristling with
checks and balances, and a matrix of municipal, county, state,
territorial, and national officials, bureaucrats, and regulations.

Over the past two centuries or so, American education has
been "reformed" many times over. Franklin's alarm about the

sorry state of schools and kids has been sounded so often that it
can seem to anyone attending to the history of American educa-
tion a stubborn case of tinnitus or, somewhat more charitably,
the prophetic key in which every demand for change needs be
delivered if it is to be taken seriously.

In the 19th century the demands included development of "a
national aristocracy of talent" (Jefferson, again); the Jacksonian
counter-call for a system of "common schools" that produced no
aristocracies, thank you, but a set of uniformly enabled citizens
on every hill farm and street corner; and the quixotic school-
teachers' crusade that followed behind the victorious armies of
the North, intent on bringing to the former Confederacy the
sort of enlightenment whose absence from Southern minds had,
it seemed quite clear, brought them to foist a civil war upon the
nation in the first place.

But that was as a summer wind compared with the 20th cen-
tury storm, from Dewey's experiential education all the way to
high-stakes testing, with stops at child-centered education,
tracking, the "tough standards movement," the movement
against the tough standards movement (sadly, they didn't choose
to call themselves the "weak standards movement"), the federal
boost to math and science instruction inspired by Sputnik's
beep-beep, open classrooms, Head Start, the new math, site-
based management, magnet schools, charter schools, and that
perennial reform movement: "return to basics."

Against this turmoil, only three assertions about American
education stand out as durable. The first is that the exposition of
education's purposes that was agglomerated long ago from the
disparate thoughts of the Puritans, Franklin, and Jefferson has
proved hard-wearing. The second is that despite thousands of
attempts to reform and improve education, the schools are still
as competent and as inept as they were when Franklin made his
whine. The third is that this hard fact doesn't seem to have ever
discouraged citizens, teachers, or scholars in their hopeful and
futile search for the school, or the means of schooling, that
makes everything come out right, always, for all children.
"There is every evidence of [our educational system] being pure-
ly an expression . . . of a truly noble, selfless and affectionate
desire," H.L. Mencken wrote in 1931 in backhand dismissal of
a reform proposal of the moment. If he never wrote a kinder
word about an American institution (and the overwhelming evi-
dence is that he didn't), he never wrote a truer either.

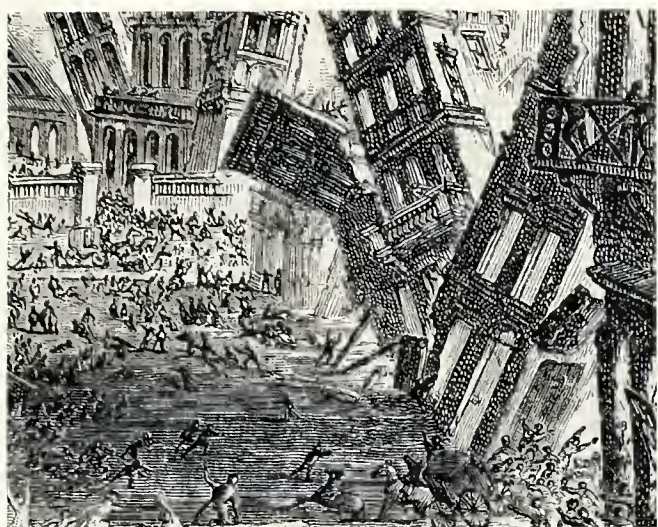
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—BEN BIRNBAUM

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LETTERS

THE CAMPAIGN

Part of Ben Birnbaum's "Headway" (Fall 2008) has been in my head for months, and it came clear why, recently, as I read Malcolm Gladwell's latest book *Outliers: The Story of Success*.

Mr. Birnbaum mentioned Boston College's earlier days, when it was first "a useful neighborhood institution" in the South End and then a useful "local college" in Chestnut Hill, before becoming a world-class university. Of that progression I am as proud as he is.

What I miss—as surely Boston does, as well—is that useful local college that in 1952 took an aimless, miseducated kid from Dorchester and turned him into a young man on fire to learn. That old Boston College couldn't do it all, but it made me a reader, a thinker, a Naval officer, a journalism student at Columbia University, a recipient of a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard, and a competitor in the high octane world of national journalism (*Boston Globe* Washington bureau, *Washington Star*, *Newsweek*, *Military Times*, a shared Pulitzer Prize).

Gladwell's *Outliers* is filled with examples of kids whose potential is squandered. In one passage, he writes about successful (Group A) and unsuccessful (Group C) kids who started with the same intelligence quotient scores:

"The As overwhelmingly came from the middle and upper class. Their homes were filled with books. Half the fathers of the A group had a college degree or beyond at a time when a university education was a rarity.

"The Cs were from the other side of the tracks. Almost a third of them had a parent who had dropped out of school before the eighth grade. . . .

"They lacked something that could have been given to them if we'd only known they needed it: a community around them that prepared them properly for the world.

"The Cs were squandered talent. But they didn't need to be."

I know young Boston College graduates who are spending their early lives dedicated to helping the Cs. I know that Boston College (like the rest of the best) is struggling to find ways to serve these kids too. And I know that the useful "local college" of the 1950s had a Jesuit community and a small group of dedicated lay men (they were all men) who rescued many, many Cs. I will always be grateful.

Jim Doyle '56

Bethesda, Maryland

Boston College's "Light the World" campaign falls somewhat short with respect to one of its stated objectives, namely "education for talented poor and middle-class students who seek to be members of our community." The only project described that appears to address that fundamental issue is financial aid for undergraduates. I suggest that a Center for Educational Financial Analysis be established, to study the grossly exaggerated, rising costs of higher education and the financial burden being placed on students and their families throughout the United States, with a goal being that Boston College leads the way to reducing educational costs without sacrificing quality.

Furthermore, a needs analysis of the Catholic Church suggests that the following centers also be added to Boston College's lengthy project list:

- A Center for Adult Faith Formation Renewal, to promote increased participation and the practice of faith among Catholics, as well as the conversion of non-Catholics.
- A Center for Religious Life Formation, to invite young Catholic men to consider the priesthood and both men and women to enter religious orders.
- A Center for Catholic Evangelical Life, to promote Christ's teachings.

Regarding the amount of money being sought by the campaign, I suggest that the ante be raised to \$2 billion.

Joseph F. Manfreda '59

Chicago, Illinois

Boston College's new capital campaign is ambitious, but it was just such institutional ambition that made me choose BC over Ivy League schools 12 years ago. I cannot emphasize enough to my fellow Eagles, particularly the younger alums, how important it is that everyone, and I mean everyone, give even a little bit to the campaign. The percentage of alums who give factors into college rankings and thus the value of our degrees, and it unlocks matching gifts and other funds—not to mention that giving is the right thing to do, to help the next generation of Eagles “ever to excel” through a BC education.

*Andrew Frey '01
Miami, Florida*

THE NONPROFIT MOTIVE

Re “Alternate Route,” by Scott Sutherland (Fall 2008): Janet Bates, associate director of career counseling and education, is to be commended for founding the Non-profit Summer Internship Grant program that provides financial support to undergraduates interested in interning with a not-for-profit organization. The experiences made possible by this important program provide a foundation for careers in public service.

Boston College should expand the program to more than five students a summer. not-for-profit organizations and agencies commonly lack the resources to hire talented undergraduates. And yet the nonprofit sector is one of the fastest growing sectors in the U.S. economy. More importantly, nonprofits can provide BC students with careers that support underserved individuals and communities, arguably an important part of the mission of a Jesuit institution.

*M. Scott Knox, '96
Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts*

DEVINE'S HAND

Ben Birnbaum's article “In Service” (Fall 2008) captured the essence of Tom Devine's personality and what made him such a force on campus. As a consultant who did a lot of work on the Boston College campus while Tom was the vice president for facilities management, I came to know Tom well. As Mr. Birnbaum states, he was conspicuously tough and actually tough, and he never wavered from

the desire to achieve the best possible outcome for Boston College. His commitment inspired us to do our best work.

*Joseph T. Geller
Boston, Massachusetts*

CLUB FUND

Thank you for mentioning the Boston College Club's 10th anniversary in BCM's Fall 2008 issue (“Home Plate,” by Terry Byrne '81). Owing to the Club's great success, the Boston College Club Scholarship Fund has been able to finance scholarships for five students currently at Boston College—two in the Connell School of Nursing and three in the College of Arts and Sciences—ranging from the Class of '09 to the Class of '12.

*John E. Joyce '61
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts*

Editor's Note: Mr. Joyce is the Boston College Club's chairman of the board.

SECOND CROSSING

Several letters published in BCM's Fall 2008 issue addressed my article, “Border Crossed” (Summer 2008), and I would like to respond:

First, the fact that crossing the border has become more difficult hardly means that the federal government's policies are “effective.” Undocumented migration has dramatically increased despite the government's policies, which have simply laid the groundwork for much suffering and death and for the increasing dominion of sophisticated, powerful, and ruthless smuggling cartels.

Second, the fate of Annunciation House's guests and others similarly situated varies considerably. Migrant workers' experiences range from horrendous exploitation in meat-packing factories and as day-laborers, to steady if low-paying work in the service sector, to well-paying jobs in construction, to give a few examples. In most cases, migrants who reach the U.S. interior and establish themselves enjoy significant improvement materially over the life they left behind. In all cases, however, they live in the shadows.

There is much suffering and exploitation in the entire process of undocumented migration, some of which I detailed at length in my article, some of which I did

not (for instance, the debilitating effects on families and on the culture in Mexico and Central America). Much of this could be alleviated by not placing those who come to this country to offer themselves as grist for our demanding economic mill in the position of having to “violate [U.S.] sovereignty,” as one letter writer put it.

In that vein, Annunciation House vigorously advocates for comprehensive immigration reform that would provide for reunification of families, substantially increase the availability of visas for “low-skilled” labor (with increased protections for the workers), and legalize many undocumented workers who are already here.

*Charles Vernon '98
Tucson, Arizona*

ENGLISH MAJORS UNITED

In Fall 2008, Diane Van Dyke '93 wrote concerning what she and her husband considered to be a liability in gaining meaningful employment upon graduation, namely that they both had been English majors. They seem to have made do with their diplomas, but they might be interested in an organization called P.O.E.M., the Professional Organization Of English Majors. It was founded by *Prairie Home Companion's* Garrison Keillor. P.O.E.M. T-shirts are available on the *Prairie Home Companion* website.

*Robert N. Sillars P'82
Wilmington, North Carolina*

Editor's Note: Liz McCartney '94, the subject of “Homeward Angel” by Kate Moran (BCM, Fall 2008) was named CNN Hero of the Year in an award ceremony that aired on the Cable News Network Thanksgiving night, November 28, 2008. McCartney received \$100,000 for the St. Bernard Project, which she co-founded and which has rebuilt some 150 homes in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, since Hurricane Katrina. Addressing a global audience from the stage of the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, McCartney urged, “Together we can continue to rebuild families's homes and lives. . . . If you join us, we'll be unstoppable.”

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CAMPUS DIGEST

Emeritus professor of geology and geophysics James Skehan, SJ, published *Roadside Geology of Connecticut and Rhode Island* in the 36-book series that treats **rock formations** viewable from interstate highways and byways from Hawaii to Massachusetts—the latter also explicated by Skehan, in a 2001 volume.

✂ Backed by a coalition of University offices, Boston College students are participating in this spring's **RecycleMania** competition against peers across North America and in India. Last year BC finished 12th nationally and second in Massachusetts based on the volume of recyclable material collected. ✂ Students held an interfaith vigil at the end of January for all those injured or killed during the **Gaza** incursion. ✂ A research team led by chemistry professor Amir Hoveyda and Nobelist Richard Schrock of MIT has discovered a class of **powerful and versatile** catalysts. ✂ Head football coach Jeff Jagodzinski was fired after he interviewed for the New York Jets' head coaching job, setting off an Internet torrent of predominately anonymous reflections on the University, its athletic programs, and its personnel (not to mention the Catholic Church and the general moral weather). Ten-year defensive coordinator **Frank Spaziani** was named to lead the Eagles. ✂ Community members will soon be able to go online to view the location of GPS-outfitted **campus buses** before heading out to wait in the cold.

✂ Five members of the Lynch School faculty were named inaugural fellows of the American Educational Research

Association. Also, the school's Center for International Higher Education reported that **faculty salaries** were highest in Saudi Arabia and Canada. ✂ The University's nascent Center for the Study of Home and Community Life received a **\$3.5 million grant** from Atlantic Philanthropies. The center develops innovative, cost-sensitive programs for elder care. ✂ With 39 alumni serving in the **Peace Corps**, Boston College ranked seventh in the nation among similar-size producers of program volunteers. George Washington University led the list with 57 enrollees. It was also reported that 16 members of the class of 2009 signed on for a one-year placement with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. ✂ English professor Paul Lewis represented Boston in a **tri-city debate** over who gets to claim Edgar Poe as their own. Baltimore and Philadelphia were the other contenders, and Philly won when the applause for its champion was judged loudest, not surprisingly, given that the debate took place in a room in that city's public library. For more on this subject, see page 6. ✂ The University made Conte Forum available to several hundred local Muslims for a celebration of the annual **festival of Eid al-Adha** in early December after the group's usual venue turned out to be already booked. Unrelatedly, a graduate course titled "Towards an Abrahamic Family Reunion" was offered through the theology department this semester, jointly taught by Catholic, Presbyterian, Muslim, and Jewish clergy. ✂ Next year's freshman class will receive



FINALE—After 28 years and almost 200 performances, *A Dancer's Christmas*, a celebration of the holiday season in dance, held its final show on December 22 at Robsham Theater. Despite back-to-back winter storms, a large audience turned out, and the performance, in the words of its creator and director Robert VerEecke, SJ, (above, center) was "close to perfect." Afterward, the company presented VerEecke, Jesuit Artist-in-Residence at Boston College and pastor at St. Ignatius Church, with a framed, hand-illustrated scroll bearing the names of roughly 600 members through the years.

Boston College e-mail addresses but no storage capacity. The address will serve to forward e-mail to the accounts that students invariably arrive with and generally prefer to use. Boston College already maintains 42,000 **forwarding addresses** for alumni. ✂ The 2008 Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study, which is developed in the Lynch School and which generally garners worldwide headlines concerning such matters as the **relative math abilities** of Estonian as compared with Bahrainian 12-year-olds, this year brought good local news, with the Commonwealth's fourth-graders placing second and fourth in worldwide comparisons of science and math achievement, and its eighth-graders placing third and sixth. ✂ Responding to an emergency call, campus police **Officer Martin Curley** put on portable

oxygen equipment and climbed into a manhole on Lower Campus to rescue two construction workers who had been rendered unconscious by toxic fumes. The men were treated at local hospitals and released. Curley was honored during half-time at a Celtics game. ✂ Thomas Wall, associate university librarian at Duke University, has been named **head librarian** at Boston College. ✂ In a November letter to faculty and staff, President William P. Leahy, SJ, asked administrators across the University to transfer 2 percent of budgeted operating funds into a special account that was being set up to meet an **expected increase** in requests for student financial aid. ✂ The *Wall Street Journal* named *Working Longer*, by CSOM's Alicia Munnell and Steven Sass one of "five books to retire by." ✂ Most but not all of the University's 10-year

development plan was approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Greenlighted projects included recreation and University centers, academic buildings, and student residences (1,590 beds). A decision on the 150-student residence proposed for the Brighton Campus was postponed. ✂ Michael Cordo '10, who was struck by a Green Line train on Commonwealth Avenue last November, has **recovered** from his injuries. He plans to return to campus in the fall. ✂ Robsham Theater was filled nearly to capacity as students, faculty, and staff viewed President Barack Obama's inauguration on a **jumbo screen**. ✂ "What is this, the North End?" a *Heights* writer editorialized, after Boston College raised its hourly visitor **parking rate** from two to three dollars.

Ben Birnbaum



Fleabag's Ben Freeman '10 as Poe

Forevermore

by Jane Whitehead

Reclaiming a wayward son of Boston

It's official. After two centuries of indifference and occasional irritation, Boston has embraced America's literary master of the macabre: native son Edgar Allan Poe, born in a house in the city's theater district in the winter of 1809.

On January 15, a night of tomb-like chill four days shy of Poe's 200th birthday, more than 160 people crammed into the Devlin 101 lecture hall to hear Boston's poet laureate, Sam Cornish, deliver Mayor Thomas Menino's proclamation. "It is time to forgive any little quarrel Edgar Allan Poe may have had with the City of Boston," Cornish intoned, "and to forget that he ever called us 'Frogpondians' [and] said that our hotels were poor and our poetry 'not so good.'" January 2009 was declared Edgar Allan Poe Appreciation Month, and the intersection of Charles and Boylston streets named Edgar Allan Poe Square.

The city's tribute owed largely to the efforts of English professor Paul Lewis, who teaches the undergraduate seminar

"Poe and the Gothic." Lewis and English doctoral student Katherine Kim spearheaded a bicentennial committee that, with a dozen Boston College departments, mounted a display of Poe memorabilia in O'Neill Library, screened the biopic *The Last Days of the Raven*, and assembled the night's guest lecturers and entertainment.

With the country on the brink of "a pit of economic distress" and menaced by "a pendulum of economic trouble," said Lewis in his welcoming remarks, who better to turn to than Poe? He knew how to season terror with humor. He was a deft critic of the established literary world and the world at large. And as the father of the psychological thriller and inventor of the modern detective story, he was, said Lewis, a "foundational figure" in popular culture.

Following Lewis, Scott Peeples, a Poe scholar from the College of Charleston, South Carolina, noted that Poe's associations with Boston were significant, if unhappy. Poe lived in Boston briefly as a

baby; his mother was a touring actor, and he traveled with her to Richmond, Virginia, where she died when he was two. In 1827, Poe quarreled with his adoptive family (the Allans), and headed for Boston. He enlisted in the Army and was stationed on nearby Castle Island for seven months, during which time he published his first collection of poems, signed "By a Bostonian." But as Peeples pointed out, by the 1840s, Poe's attachment to the area had waned. In lectures and essays, he pilloried the local transcendentalists, and in November 1848, he attempted suicide in a Boston hotel. Had he succeeded, mused Peeples, might New England, rather than Baltimore, have had a football team called the Ravens?

As it was, Poe died in Baltimore on October 7, 1849, after being found unconscious at a tavern wearing someone else's clothes. His death at age 40—variously attributed to heart disease, epilepsy, robbery, even rabies—was the subject of a talk by author Matthew Pearl (*The Poe Shadow*, 2006). Pearl has made a study of Poe's numerous obituaries, which were generally erroneous, and he traced the lurid reputation they engendered.

Poetry and doleful music followed, performed by students whose T-shirts featured Poe in a BC T-shirt with a smiling eagle. Madeline McSherry '11 recited "Annabel Lee" and Jeanne Clifton '09 declaimed "A Dream within a Dream" ("amid the roar of a surf-tormented shore . . ."). Megan Grandmont '10 sang "Ever with Thee," Virginia Clemm Poe's 1846 poem to her husband, set to a melancholy tune from the 2007 chamber musical *Edgar*.

The mood swung as the improv group My Mother's Fleabag presented "Edgar Allan Poe: Resident Assistant," written by Dan Esposito '10 and Michael Wolf '12. Asked how to handle a messy roommate, "Ed" advised, "three righteous blows" to the head with a candlestick.

The program ended with a cheerfully lugubrious group recitation of the final stanza of "The Raven" ("still is sitting, still is sitting . . ."), led by John Mahoney, English professor emeritus, and a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday," after which everyone trooped upstairs to share a cake in the shape of a coffin. ■

Jane Whitehead is a Boston area writer.



Kagan to environmentalists: "You can't have it be penguins versus people."

Fuel for thought

by David Reich

The case of the trucking industry

On the evening of December 15, about a dozen local scholars who work the expansive area where law and public policy overlap met in a Boston College Law School lounge for pad thai and cookies and a conversation with Robert Kagan, the University of California, Berkeley, law professor best known for *Adversarial Legalism*, a 2003 book about American litigiousness. Sponsored by the University's new Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, the 95-minute discussion with Kagan was one of four meetings of the Public Law Colloquium that the center will offer this year, each spotlighting a research undertaking.

The session focused not on the fractious American legal system, but on a subject that sounded stunningly dry by comparison: environmental regulation of the trucking industry. The format for the evening, and for evenings to come, was simple: a brief recap of an already circulated paper, followed by challenges to the

main points, expressions of countervailing views, and suggestions of alternative policy prescriptions.

Speaking without notes to listeners seated in an ellipse of wooden armchairs and leather couches, Kagan said that while environmental regulation has succeeded brilliantly in some industries—take paper manufacturing, the subject of an earlier Kagan study—progress has been slow in others, such as trucking. Federal regulation of large trucks, Kagan told the group, has focused on improving engine design, but diesel engines can last a million miles, meaning that old trucks will be around to expel toxic nitrogen oxides and particulate matter for many years before being consigned to the junkyard. In his paper, Kagan notes that 38,000 trucks built in 1990 or before remained registered in Texas in 2006. The paper also draws data from California, where the state's Air Resources Board has made diesel emissions a focus

and where it is estimated that 3,000 deaths per year result from the running of diesel-fueled engines. Why not write a federal regulation, then, requiring truckers to gradually replace their old equipment with newer, "cleaner" models? It's a reasonable question, Kagan said, yet no such regulation has been seriously considered.

According to Kagan, politicians' reluctance to mandate the use of newer trucks owes a lot to the structure of the trucking industry, in which many small firms compete for a limited amount of work, resulting in slim profit margins, lack of access to capital, and little chance of passing new costs to the customer. As he argues in his paper, "Legislators simply shied away from imposing a regulatory obligation that was so costly for small truckers."

Kagan ended his presentation by pointing out that his findings on paper mills and trucking overturn the prevailing academic wisdom. Specifically, his research refutes the view that it is industries such as paper manufacturing, with big, politically influential companies, that have most successfully avoided regulation.

TRUE TO THE INTENT OF THE COLLOQUIUM, Kagan's 25-minute presentation unleashed 70 minutes of debate and discussion from attendees, who, in addition to representing Boston College and BC Law, hailed from Harvard, Clark, Brandeis, and Northeastern universities, UMass-Lowell, and Wellesley and Stonehill colleges.

Early on in the discussion, Boston College law professor Daniel Kanstroom cited the case of commercial fishing, where regulations have indeed driven small operations out of business, amid considerable public unhappiness. Maybe Kagan was wrong in his explanation of how trucking regulation came to be ineffectual, suggested Kanstroom. Could it be instead that environmentalists, typically the main spur to environmental legislation, have lacked a sufficiently dramatic awareness of the health problems caused by diesel-powered trucks?

Getting truckers to update their fleets ought to seem like "low-hanging fruit" to environmental activists, agreed Wellesley College political scientist Tom Burke.

Many long-established regulations, he said, save far fewer lives than would be saved by updating trucking fleets.

Environmentalists, countered Kagan, face much the same pressures as legislators do. They “know if they drive a lot of [small truckers] out of business, they’re not going to be very popular,” he said. “You can’t have it be penguins versus people.”

Leaving aside the early deaths it would prevent, said Boston College’s Hillary Thompson, a graduate student in political science, updating diesel trucks would yield dramatic savings for Medicare and Medicaid—maybe even enough that government could justify, in dollars and cents, *buying* new trucks for the trucking firms.

“There’s been lots and lots of talk that the benefits would far outweigh the costs,” admitted Kagan. “It’s a problem of up-front costs,” he said—in other words, new trucks would have to be paid for today while the savings on health care would come many years hence.

At length the discussion took a more hopeful note, turning to the growth of environmental awareness beyond the green community. Remarked Boston College law professor Zygmunt Plater, “I saw a judge turn down 30 years of his own precedents because his grandchildren said it was an environmental case.” What’s more, large industrial companies typically employ environmental officers, said Kagan. These personnel “become advocates,” he noted, “sort of a shadow regulatory force within the firm. That is an important development.”

ALONG WITH THE PROFESSORS AND graduate students, an interested and largely silent observer attended the colloquium: Chuck Clough ’64, a University Trustee, sat taking notes. Last summer, Clough, with his wife, Gloria, MS’96, donated \$10 million to endow the Clough Center, of which the colloquium is designed to be but one of several programs.

According to director Kenneth Kersch, the Clough Center will sponsor courses and occasional conferences; academic prizes and fellowships; student internships in government; an undergraduate journal; scholars in residence and visiting professors; and a joint law degree and political science doctorate meant for individuals seek-

ing careers as instructors of constitutional law. “I’m also working on making the center genuinely interdisciplinary,” said Kersch, a political science professor who has been meeting with colleagues in economics, history, classics, education, and social work to discuss how the center might incorporate their perspectives.

Asked about the center’s *raison d’être*, colloquium member R. Shep Melnick, a Boston College political scientist, said, “One of the big difficulties in both political science and the study of law is how to avoid getting lost in details.” The center, Melnick said, will aim at getting scholars “to raise the broader questions facing Western democracies.”

Getting democracies to work right is

hard, added Kersch, and the center’s efforts are intended to help “deepen our understanding of this task, which is ultimately about creating the conditions for human flourishing.”

As for the Public Law Colloquium, the center’s first program to be up and running, Wellesley’s Tom Burke, who has attended both of the new group’s meetings, said, “We have a large number of law and court scholars in the Boston area, but until this colloquium was developed, we were scattered and had only infrequent contact with each other. The Clough Center is creating a community where none existed.” ■

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Major addition

For the first time in seven years, the College of Arts and Sciences has introduced a new major. The 35th major and the fourth interdisciplinary one (after biochemistry, film studies, and international studies), Islamic civilizations and societies (ICS) reflects Boston College’s continuing effort to expand and enhance the international dimensions of its curriculum. The ICS major draws from five departments—history, political science, theology, fine arts, and Slavic and Eastern languages—and it will offer more than a hundred courses (see below for a selection of ICS classes being taught in 2008–09). The new major builds on the existing minor in Middle Eastern and Islamic studies, which includes instruction in Arabic, and will offer a survey of the Muslim populations and cultures of North Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States. The inaugural director is professor Ali Banuazizi, of the political science department.

Course Sampler

EC 277 Economics of the Middle East
FA 203 Great Cities of the Islamic Lands
FA 214 The Art of The Silk Road
FA 234 Mosques, Minarets and Madrasas
FM 314 Cinema of the Greater Middle East
HS 315 Islam in South Asia
HS 339 Byzantium and Islam
HS 343 Rise and Fall of the Ottoman Empire
HS 353 Africa, Islam, and Europe
PO 414 Politics and Society in Central Eurasia

PO 518 Liberalism, Nation Building, and American Foreign Policy
PO 638 Islamic Political Philosophy
SL 147 Language and Identity in the Middle East
SL 148 Modern Middle Eastern and Arabic Literature
TH 352 Israelis and Palestinians: Two Peoples, Three Faiths
TH 554 Encountering the Qur’an: Contexts and Approaches
TH 566 Mystical Poetry in the Islamic Humanities
TH 576 Pathways to God: Islamic Theologies in Context

—Thomas Cooper



Noonan (left): "We all have the same notes." Also pictured (from top) are Adam Ahern '09, Cathy Rodriguez '12, Cristobal Montt (a Chilean exchange student), and Brian Wohlberg '09

Whistle stop

by Tim Czerwienski

Sounds of simplicity

It's an unassuming instrument, the tin whistle. Models vary slightly, but the basic components remain the same: a thin tube of brass or nickel-plated brass with a plastic or metal mouthpiece, known as a fipple, and six holes. The sound is high-pitched, almost reedy. Yet as Jimmy Noonan emphasizes in nearly every meeting of his "Beginner Tin Whistle" class, when it comes to traditional Irish music, the whistle, small and light enough to fit in your pocket, is a heavyweight, with a history going back at least a thousand years. By comparison, the recorder is an upstart and imposter, he says.

For a beginning whistler, as players are called, simplicity is a big part of the instrument's charm. As Noonan told a prospective student, "You'll walk out of your first class and you'll know a tune." The initial gathering of MU 087, which met weekly in a small, spartan classroom on the third floor of Lyons Hall, was case in point.

After giving the four students enrolled in the fall semester course a quick tutorial on the basics of fingering (completely cover each hole with the meaty part of the fingertip) and blowing (lightly breathe into the whistle for the low octave, blow as hard as you can for the high), Noonan introduced the class to "Skibbereen," a slow tune about Ireland's Great Famine. An ability to read music isn't required for the beginner class. Indeed, although Noonan himself is an accomplished flute and tin whistle musician and teacher—two-time U.S. Western champion in both the tin whistle and the flute and a performer at the National Folk Festival—he encourages learning Irish folk music as it has traditionally been learned: by ear. "The beauty of playing by ear," says Noonan, "is if you practice a tune every once in a while, you'll have it forever.

The class's first attempts at "Skibbereen" were slow and tentative (although

freshman Cathy Rodriguez, a veteran flute player, had a somewhat easier time), but each rendition was clearly recognizable. "Skibbereen" is an easy stroll up and down the scale, with ample time between notes for novice fingers to find their destination. Within two weeks, Noonan's students had it mastered.

The one-credit, pass/fail class had no exams or assignments other than to practice. "I won't have seen you in a week," Noonan told his students. "All I'm looking for is, who got better." Participation was hard to avoid in the small class, and Noonan, a sprightly fast-talker with a light Irish accent, would routinely hop up from his seat at the front of the room, lean in close to whoever was playing, and inspect the crispness of the whistler's fingering or the clarity of tone. That attention became more valuable as the semester progressed and Noonan introduced more demanding techniques, such as the use of ornaments.

ORNAMENTS ARE THE SUBTLE FINGERING tricks that add complexity and character to a tune, and their execution separates merely proficient players from great ones. Ornaments can be relatively straightforward. A slide, for instance, is performed by gradually slipping a finger off one hole in order to shift to the next higher note, creating an audible transition. A cut involves quickly twitching the finger off and on the note being played, creating three notes in the space of one. The most complicated ornament Noonan introduced to the class is the roll. A note is rolled by first performing a cut, then quickly striking the note below it, making five notes in the space of one. "You'll feel it when you do it right," Noonan said, flicking Rodriguez's striking finger for her to demonstrate the precise timing necessary for a perfect G-roll.

Noonan compares ornamenting a tune to dressing a Christmas tree. Too many ornaments on either can be tacky, but the right amount turns something familiar into something distinctive. "We all have the same notes," Noonan says, referring to practitioners of Irish music. "Ornamentation allows a musician to put a unique stamp on a standard tune, and anyone can do it. I'll be teaching a six-year-old, and he'll throw something into a tune that's

really good," Noonan says. "And then I'll borrow it."

In the third class, Noonan moved on to the jaunty "Leitrim Jig." The livelier Irish dance tunes—jigs, polkas, and reels—are more challenging than airs such as "Skibbereen" in terms of both notes and pace. "Leitrim," for instance, is played in 6/8 time, compared to the 2/4 of "Skibbereen," and features more complex groupings of notes and quicker transitions between low and high octaves.

"Leitrim" is the sort of song you might hear at a session, an informal coming together of musicians to play traditional Irish tunes, usually in a pub or some similarly festive setting. Noonan believes sessions are vital for a serious whistler. "You need to go to sessions to find new ideas and stay fresh," he says, and after playing and teaching for 30 years he still regularly attends sessions and leads his own on Monday nights at Tommy Doyle's in Harvard Square. "If you don't hear it and play it, you're going to lose it," he says.

While there is no prescription for a proper session, the good ones usually include some combination of traditional Irish instruments, such as the fiddle, the concertina, the accordion, the pipes, and, of course, the tin whistle.

The underlying purpose of MU 087 is to prepare whistlers to work with other musicians, whether in a session or a concert. For the past eight years, Noonan's beginner whistlers and other students in the Irish studies music program, including the fiddlers (who meet around the corner in Lyons), have kicked off the annual Arts Festival with a performance. The spring semester continuation of the class features frequent collaboration with the fiddlers, as preparation. Noonan will also introduce the reel, a more complicated dance tune than the jig, and more ornaments for the songs his students already know.

Rodriguez, with two close friends who play the flute and the fiddle, has a head start when it comes to sessions. "We play together all the time," she says. "It usually ends up with them trying to teach me tunes." Being freshmen, playing in a dusky Irish pub isn't an option for the trio, but they've settled for the next best thing: a fire exit room in the basement of Medeiros Hall. "It actually has good acoustics." ■



From left: Stephen Carter, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Michael Sandel, Daniel Dennett, Susannah Heschel

State of belief

by David Reich

America's relationship with God

The culture wars buffeting American politics for nearly three decades likely did not end with the November 2008 elections, but the terms of engagement shifted in significant ways, according to participants at this year's Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities symposium, "One Nation under God? The Role of Religion in American Public Life," held November 22 in Robsham Theater.

The first of the day's three panels looked at "how religion shapes American culture." Mark Lilla, a professor of humanities and religion at Columbia University, suggested it would be more telling to consider how popular culture has shaped religious believers. Recalling a Pentecostal group he belonged to in the 1970s, Lilla described strict, hierarchical families where women didn't hold paying jobs, no one owned a television, and the outside world received little attention. Today, by contrast, popular culture permeates evangelicals' lives, Lilla said. "The families are

less rigid, and kids look pretty much like kids everywhere. The music sounds the same [as secular pop music] except that the word 'Jesus' appears now and again."

The panel's moderator, Alan Wolfe, a Boston College political science professor, asked if this move toward worldliness means religion has lost "the capacity to be prophetic."

Not when it comes to issues of morality, replied Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, codirector of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University and former editor of *Commonweal*, an independent Catholic magazine of politics and culture. Citing early opposition to the Iraq war by the Catholic Church and many mainline Protestant denominations, she said, "Religion did, in some ways, function as a conscience or a call to reflection about what our country was embarking on."

What about gay marriage, asked Lilla. Was there a contradiction in the overwhelming support by African-American

churches for Proposition 8, which banned gay marriage in California, given their strong prophetic reputation on civil rights?

The black church is a diverse institution, responded Peter J. Paris, a Princeton theology professor who is African-American. "Black churches are of one mindset in their opposition to racial injustice. But on issues pertaining to sexuality, they are to the right of Attila the Hun—both in terms of homosexuality . . . and in terms of the ordination of women."

Attitudes toward sexual behavior also depend heavily on age, added Jon Meacham, the editor of *Newsweek* and author of *American Gospel*, a book on the contribution of religion to the founding of the United States. He pointed to the example of George Will, the conservative columnist, whose twenty-something daughter cannot fathom her father's opposition to gay marriage. "This is a woman," Meacham said, to laughter from the audience, "who grew up in George Will's house."

The day's second panel considered more explicitly the interaction of religion and electoral politics. Moderator Hanna Rosin, a journalist who has covered religion for the *Washington Post*, began by saying that the recent election season had thrown into doubt many of her long-held assumptions—that "religion is a great predictor of voting habits, that the Democratic Party is not a home for evangelicals, that African-Americans and Democrats vote together, and that religion in the public square is a very controversial and possibly threatening idea."

Amy Sullivan, who covers religion for *Time*, responded that conservative theology hasn't always meant conservative voting. Sullivan recalled being raised in the 1970s in a house with "portraits of both Jesus and Bobby Kennedy hanging on the walls." Such a time may be returning, she said, noting "a broadening of the agenda" among evangelicals, especially those under 35. These young evangelicals, she said, are more likely than their parents "to support diplomacy [over] military action as a way of making peace. They're much more likely to support universal health care." While older evangelicals consider social welfare to be the responsibility of private charities, she added, their children, many of whom

have gone on overseas missions and gotten a close look at extreme poverty, "don't see why you have to eliminate government as a potential partner in solving some of these problems."

Self-professed conservative Bishop Harry Jackson, Jr., the senior pastor of Hope Christian Church near Washington, D. C., posited another cause for evangelical defections from the GOP. The Republicans have used conservative Christians as "foot soldiers in campaigns," he claimed, but largely ignored them when it came to making policies on "ground level issues." The conservative evangelical movement, Jackson argued, must "get relevant to the overall needs of the community or become an irrelevant voice in terms of social action."

Steven Waldman, the editor-in-chief of Beliefnet.com, a website that reports religion news, gave some credit for the change in voting patterns to candidate Barack Obama, who by talking consistently, credibly, and passionately about his Christian faith and listening to concerns of conser-

vative believers "set the Democratic Party on a different path in its approach to religion." Most importantly, Waldman said, Obama took seriously evangelical concerns about abortion, vowing to reduce the number of abortions by "reducing unintended pregnancies."

"The Democrats realized," put in Sullivan, "that it isn't a matter of how much you talk about Jesus—it's a matter of forming relationships with constituencies who haven't heard from the Democratic Party in maybe decades and of getting back that trust they had lost across the religious spectrum."

The day's final panel focused on religion and the law, particularly the establishment clause of the First Amendment, which calls for the separation of church and state. The moderator, Michael Sandel, a professor of government at Harvard University, asked if it would violate First Amendment rights "for a law to reflect or to be justified by religious convictions."

"The law should reflect, ideally, the considered judgment of large numbers of

Data file: Class of 2012

Total applications: 30,845

Total acceptances: 8.093

Acceptance rate: 26 percent

Total freshmen: 2.284

Mean SAT score (out of 2400): 1991

AHANA students: 515

Number of home-schooled freshmen: 1

Commuter students: 3

Percentage of freshmen from public schools: 55

Percentage of freshmen from parochial schools, including Jesuit high schools: 26

Percentage of freshmen from independent schools: 19

States sending the most freshmen:
Massachusetts 531, New York 335, New Jersey 222

States sending lone rangers (one freshman apiece):
Arkansas, Iowa, North Dakota, Nevada, Oklahoma, West Virginia

—Tim Czerwienski

people of diverse views coming together and arguing, and . . . many of those people act out of religious sentiment," replied Stephen Carter, a Yale law professor who has written extensively on the relationship between religious faith and public life. "The separation of church and state in early American usage was never thought of as a way of separating religion from the state," he said, "just the formal church."

It would be "a big mistake," agreed Jean Bethke Elshtain, a University of Chicago philosopher, "to take the logic of church-state separation . . . and then [to impose] that on the far more fluid and complex area of religion and politics."

Tufts University professor Daniel Dennett, also a philosopher, dissented strenuously. He proposed banning from public policy debates any religion-based arguments that take the form of "I'm a Christian, a Jew, a Muslim, whatever—and we believe this, and it's nonnegotiable because that's what our holy book says."

A self-described "conversational anarchist," Carter opposed shutting anyone out of the public conversation. That leads, he said, to people thinking, "If you're going to make up rules that exclude me in my deepest forms of concern, maybe I should make up rules that exclude you."

Religious discourse, countered Dennett, isn't held to the same standards of rationality as political discourse.

Elshtain disagreed, pointing out that the most powerful responses to Internet-borne rumors of Obama as the anti-Christ have "come from . . . other Christians who have been in the forefront of attacking this kind of nonsense." She added that the recent attempt by the French government to "scrub the public arena of religious conviction" by banning headscarves in public schools resulted in thousands of French Muslim girls enrolling in "narrow" Islamic schools, defeating the policy's goal of assimilation. In the end, argued Elshtain, Dennett's proposal to ban religion-based arguments wouldn't work because "If you really think some profound moral wrong is involved . . . you're going to want to keep arguing and change the law on that, which is, of course, what we do in a democracy."

Susannah Heschel, professor of Jewish

studies at Dartmouth College, added a personal perspective on the topic as a result of having spent the last few months of the election season in Edinburgh. For many years, U.S. political debates had been couched "in the language of resseni-

ment," she said. But observing this time from her foreign perch, she noticed that the "tone of the conversation about religion and politics has . . . shifted in a very positive direction. And I found that very moving." ■

Good without God?

Can people be good without a religion to keep them honest? What, if anything, can faith contribute to conscience? In the late afternoon of November 21, a historian and a law professor from Boston College along with two speakers on campus for the next day's Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities forum (see "State of Belief," page 10) debated these questions before a largely student audience. Their civil but entertaining colloquy, which took place in Devlin 101, was cosponsored by the Institute for Liberal Arts and the Provost's Planning Committee for Intellectual Traditions.

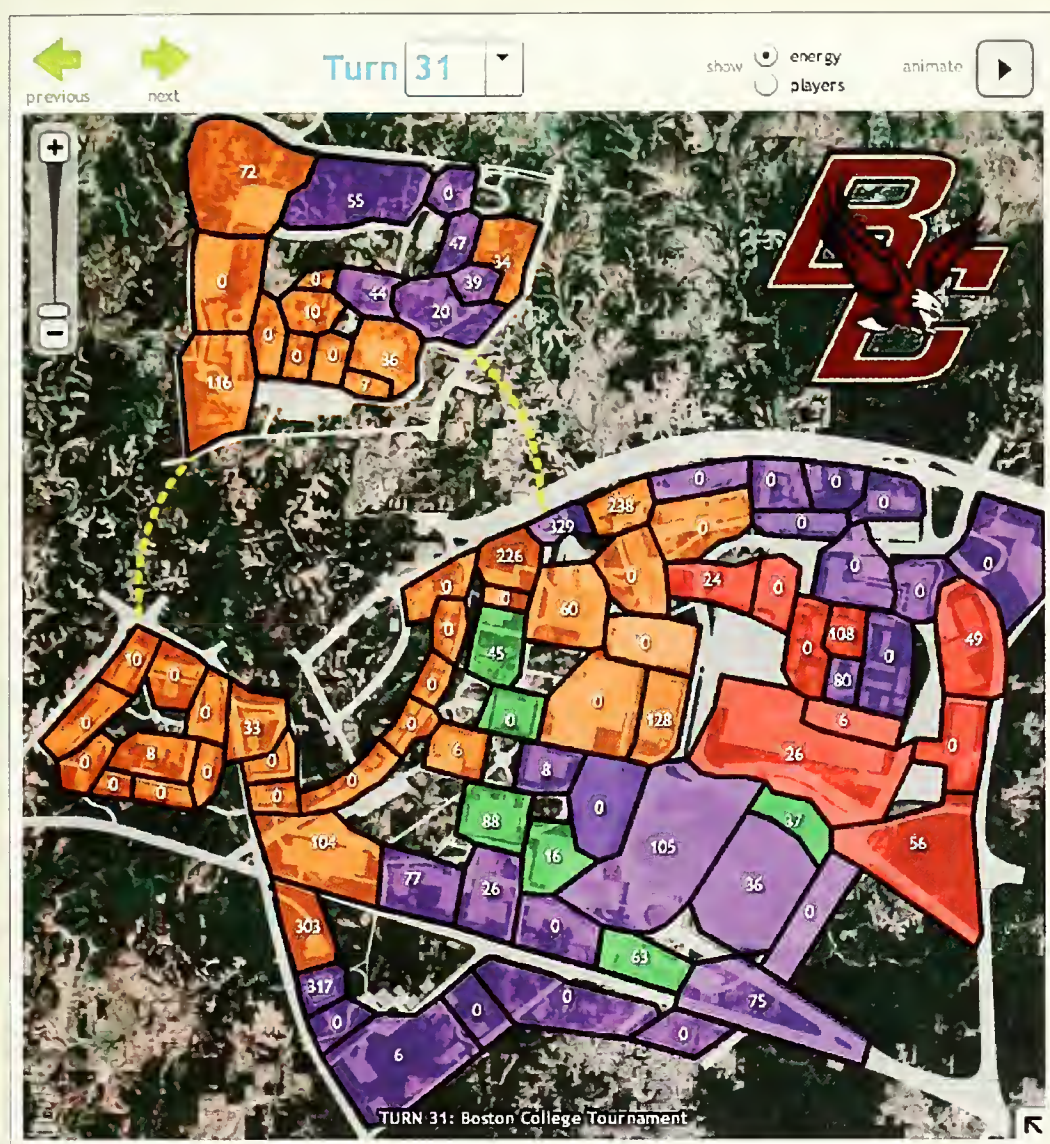
Boston College law professor Charles Baron focused on the first question. "We all know people who profess no religion yet are among the most conscientious people in our lives," said Baron. Conversely, he said, we know people who seem deeply religious yet appear not to possess a conscience. Baron, who teaches courses on bioethics and health law, portrayed conscience as constant self-reflection and internal struggle and pointed out that atheists and agnostics choose their belief—or unbelief—reflectively. Baron had kind words for "those people disparaged as cafeteria Catholics," explaining that for a religious believer, conscientiousness means being "continually doubtful about your allegiance to the religion."

Jeanne Bethke Elshtain, a University of Chicago political philosopher who writes extensively on religion, addressed the afternoon's other question: What can religion contribute to conscience? "Conscience," Elshtain said, "is often seen as rising in importance with the advent of Protestant Christianity." But "the interiorization of moral law" that accompanied the Reformation, she said, "can lead to a correlative diminution of the institutions, especially religions, that underlie the formation of conscience." In addition to their role in shaping conscience, Elshtain said, religious bodies and other institutions serve as a collective megaphone for conscience.

Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, codirector of the Center on Religion and Culture at Fordham University and former editor of *Commonweal*, took up the formation of conscience. "The challenge many of us face in adolescence is what I call 'the lax conscience,'" Steinfels said, drawing laughter from the audience and her fellow panelists. "'Sure, sure,' your conscience says. 'Whatever.' And eventually your conscience may fall silent." She argued that a middle ground between inflexible rules and the silent conscience can be "fostered by our involvement in our community." Agreeing with Elshtain on the importance of institutional support for conscience, she cited groups such as the interdenominational National Religious Campaign Against Torture. However, Steinfels criticized "the minority of bishops who [before the 2008 elections] said there was only one issue to vote on, and only one side had the right answer."

In a rare moment of dissent on the panel, Boston College professor Paul Breines, who teaches courses on modern European intellectual history, pushed back gently against Elshtain's wholly positive view of religion's role in supporting conscience, noting that churches had played a leading part in banning gay marriage in California—a position Breines said he'd felt compelled to oppose in conscience. He noted that until the late 18th century, the link between religious belief and personal goodness went unquestioned. Now, he pointed out, on a panel composed of a Protestant (Elshtain), a Catholic (Steinfels), a Jew (Baron), and himself, a declared atheist, "our perspectives are not radically different. Things really have changed."

—David Reich



CLOSE-UP: ONLY A GAME

On October 18, four armies fought for control of Boston College's campuses, the two largest armies colliding on the Newton Campus. One snatched Practice Field and Hardey Hall from the other, cornering the defending forces on Game Field. As the two behemoths confronted each other, a mile and a half to the south on the main campus, two smaller, ragtag battalions swelled in size and strength and prepared to go forth.

Boston College's first game of GoCrossCampus (GXC), an online computer game created just over a year ago by five Ivy League students, is based on the strategic board game Risk, in which players vie to take over the world, country by country. In GXC, teams of players vie to take over a campus or campuses. The first game pitted Yale against Harvard during the fall of 2007 (Yale won). That landed GXC in the *New York Times*, and this fall, some 100 games were played on and

among campuses. Here at Boston College, 374 students joined eight teams, which were designated by class and by where players had lived as freshmen. The game was initiated and promoted by BC's undergraduate student government and administered (at no charge) by GXC. Each team was assigned a color, and commanders were elected. Teams earned their strength, or "energy," as the game calls it, from the number of players they recruited, the number of territories they controlled, and how often their players signed on to the game. The main and Newton campuses were divided into 88 territories that matched buildings, athletic fields, and greenswards. The battle was waged daily, with team movements, conquests, and casualties reported at 11 p.m. on the tournament website.

The image above shows the conflict as of day 31, also called Turn 31. This crazy quilt of uneven blocks of color belies a

battle hanging in the balance. Much earlier, by Turn 18, four teams had been routed. Soon after, Orange, a team of seniors, and Purple, a team of sophomores, dominated the field. Orange had early on commandeered the Newton Campus (upper left), which was easily defended. From that strategic position, the team had pushed its way onto the main campus, sweeping along College Road and gobbling up buildings. Then Purple massed at the main gate and drove deep into Newton Campus. The two forces skirmished viciously over Hardey Hall and the main gate, located at the ends of the dotted yellow line on the right. At Turn 31, Purple has once again grabbed both key territories and has Orange clearly struggled to hold its lines. This would seem to bode well for Purple—except for those clumps of green and red to the south.

As Purple concentrated forces on Orange, it left its main-campus positions open to attack. (Numbers in the center of each territory represent energy. Note Purple's many zeros.) Unbeknownst to Purple, Red, another team of seniors, had struck a secret no-attack pact with Orange. That freed both to concentrate their forces on Purple. Thus Red, which only a few turns earlier had dwindled to a single territory, swelled to nine in Turn 31, dislodging Purple from Robsham Theater (shown with Red's remaining energy of 24), MDC Park (56), and Walsh Hall (49). Green, a renegade team of juniors, likewise assaulted Purple, snatching Merkert Chemistry Center (shown with 63).

As Napoleon could have told Purple, fighting on many fronts becomes untenable (even in cyberspace). Orange eventually repulsed Purple from the Newton Campus. Retreating and weakened, Purple collapsed in Turn 48. Red broke its alliance with Orange, only to have the larger team rout it in short order. Green succumbed next, and by Turn 55, the game had a victor. Under commanders Terence To '09 and Phil Kowalski '09, the campus was one solid block of Orange. There's talk of a Beanpot tournament.

—Amy Sutherland

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Life Support

The business of public schools is to educate children.

The business of the Lynch School's Boston Connects program is to enable that education

By William Bole

Photographs by Gary Wayne Gilbert

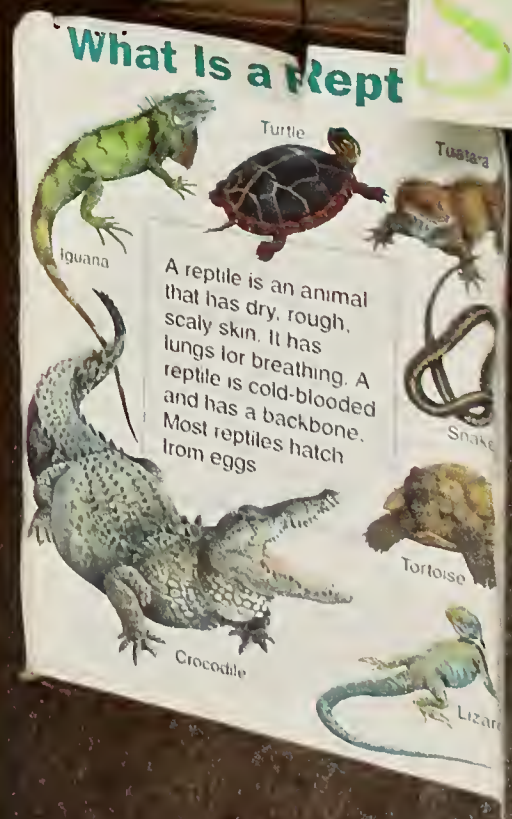
In a silent, empty classroom at the Mission Hill School in Boston, two teachers lower themselves into little chairs at a little round table. Joined by a school counselor, they set about looking at the world from the perspective of their students, in a way that goes far beyond the brightly decorated walls of the classroom and far beyond this gray-brick school building in the city's gritty Roxbury section. With their students—a combined class of second and third graders—out of the room for gym and art appreciation, the women reflect on the children's needs, a child at a time.

A classroom in Boston's Mission Hill School

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One girl isn't "shutting down" as much as she used to, but she could still use some "outside-school help," especially with homework, the teachers agree. Another girl seems prone to anxiety attacks, which leads the counselor to ask the teachers, "Is Dad back?" (Dad is thought to have come home.) A conversation about a boy with attention problems eventually turns toward another member of the household—"I want some support for Mom," says one of the teachers, a tall young woman whose long black hair is in cornrow braids.

Next on the list, says the counselor, is "Danny" (his name has been changed, as have some minor details discussed at this meeting, for privacy). The room echoes with laughs. "He's just this funny, quirky kid," says the tall teacher, as her colleague relates Danny's opinion on the subject of spelling. "He just hasn't bought into it yet," the other teacher explains with a chuckle, although Danny is clearly making headway otherwise. There are no smiles, just looks of concern, as the next name is spoken, and all three in the meeting make eye contact with one another. "He has his ups and downs," a teacher tells the counselor after a disquieting pause. "You know the situation."

This one-by-one review of students is a vital part of an experiment under way in the Boston public school system under the auspices of Boston College, an experiment that is yielding insights into how to bring down some of the most stubborn barriers to student achievement, those that often take shape in the low-income households and urban-core neighborhoods from which Mission Hill's students come. The counselor who facilitated the meeting, Kathleen Carlisle, is far from a typical school counselor. Though she has a degree in that field from Boston College (MA'06) and works full-time at the K-8 Mission Hill School, Carlisle is an employee of the University's Boston Connects program, which was launched in 2001 to grapple with the non-academic problems that hold back untold numbers of children academically.

With the unassuming job title of "school coordinator," Carlisle is a combined social worker, teacher, administrator, even community organizer, as well as a psychological counselor, and she brings a diverse array of tools to the table. To help students like the girl who has bouts of anxiety, for instance, she arranged for a community health association to offer a weekly art-therapy class at the school.

The central idea behind Boston Connects is that students cannot learn if their most basic needs—physical, emotional, and social—are not being met. Now operating in 14 schools that make up two of the Boston school system's nine geographic clusters, the program looks to serve "the whole child," three words that flow readily in conversations with coordinators such as Carlisle and teachers such as Jenerra Williams (who sported the braids) and Amina

Michel-Lord of Mission Hill. The program's modus operandi is, first, to appraise the strengths and needs of each child and then to connect students and their families with a breadth of services in the city, whether the child's need is for a safe place to do homework after school or for a warm bed after the electricity at home has been shut off because of an unpaid utility bill.

THIS THRUST COMES AT A TIME WHEN HUGE SWATHS of the education system in the United States have been moving in virtually the opposite direction, focusing on purely academic points such as class size, teacher performance, and standardized testing. All that is important, but it's not all of what education reform ought to be, especially for high-needs students, according to the woman in command of Boston College's experiment. She is Lynch School of Education professor Mary Walsh, a former member of the Sisters of St. Joseph who speaks softly and, by every account, advocates aggressively for her program.

With her slight build and twinkly smile, and her short wavy hair in a neat coiffure, Walsh looks the part of a kindly schoolteacher. However, she's not primarily an educator by training. Before arriving at Boston College two decades ago, she served as director of behavioral sciences in the department of family practice at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester and as chair of the psychology department at Regis College in Weston. She is a developmental clinical psychologist who has always involved herself in the struggles of children in urban settings, a commitment reflected in her 1992 book, *"Moving to Nowhere": Children's Stories of Homelessness*, drawn from extensive interviews with 55 children in more than 20 homeless shelters across eastern Massachusetts.

Walsh is fully aware of the almost universal view among educators that teachers and principals have quite enough to do without trying to solve the problems of poverty. And she rolls with it. "You can't expect schools to stop educating kids and become social workers," she says in a near whisper during a midday interview at her office in Campion Hall, taking small bites of a peanut-butter-and-jelly-on-whole-wheat sandwich. "But schools are where the kids are five days a week. So how do you work through the schools to help kids?" She mentions one common task of Boston Connects school coordinators: arranging for students to receive prescription asthma medicine (the affliction is widespread in urban neighborhoods). Walsh says this is a job no principal has time to do. "Are schools in the habit of finding housing? Of course not," she says, alluding to times when coordinators have linked up students and their families with overnight shelters or transitional housing. "But what we do

Scenes from the Mission Hill School





Soon after arriving at Boston College, in 1989, Walsh began pulling together faculty from the schools of education, social work, nursing, business, and law, to explore ways of responding to the needs of urban children.

know is that if we don't help the students the best we can, they're not going to learn."

Soon after arriving at Boston College's school of education in 1989, Walsh began pulling together faculty from the University's professional schools of education, social work, nursing, business, and law, to explore cross-disciplinary ways of responding to the needs of urban children. The professors had weekly lunches together, nurturing a collaboration that—after several permutations, including a pilot project at the Gardner School in Boston's Allston-Brighton section—eventually brought about Boston Connects.

The program in its present form began eight years ago in the Cluster 5 schools, centered in Allston, Brighton, and Mission Hill, with funding from the Charles Hayden Foundation and an anonymous donor. Styled as a school-community-university partnership, it was joined by a medley of institutions including St. Elizabeth's Hospital and the Boys and Girls Clubs. In 2007, the program expanded to Cluster 2, encompassing Lower Roxbury, Chinatown, the North End, and the South End. It now serves nearly 4,600 students in elementary and K–8 schools. At this scale, Boston Connects is proving that its approach is "doable

[and] getting traction," says Thomas Payzant, a professor of practice at the Harvard Graduate School of Education who was superintendent of Boston's public schools when the project started.

THERE'S BEEN MUCH HAND-WRINGING ABOUT THE state of public education all across America, so much that it's easy to lose sight of the particular stresses bearing down on schools in low-income communities. But in fact, outside of those communities, U.S. schools are performing rather well, according to a number of recent studies that have drawn international comparisons using reading, math, and science scores. Writing recently in the *Wilson Quarterly*, education analyst Jay Mathews concluded, America's "real problem is the bottom 30 percent of . . . schools, those in urban and rural communities full of low-income children." When such schools are tossed into the statistical mix of studies on student achievement in the United States, in Walsh's words, "we sometimes begin to look like a third-world country." The poverty effect, she says, "is the challenge of American education."

That Walsh is able to work many sides of this challenge was demonstrated during an interview in her office when she took a call from an official of one of the philanthropic groups that fund Boston Connects. The woman was phoning to inquire about the impact of the economic downturn on children served by Boston Connects. "Well, we're seeing homelessness way up—a big increase in the number of students with big needs," Walsh reported. And then she said to the woman, "Tell me how the baby is." She asked about "Ted" (not his real name)—the newborn's older brother, presumably, or perhaps the woman's husband. "Is he surviving the ordeal?" The caller apparently said she'd drop by for a visit—"And bring pictures when you do," Walsh instructed.

WALSH'S RELATIONSHIP STYLE HELPS EXPLAIN HOW she has attracted steep funding for Boston Connects, including \$9.3 million in foundation grants raised over the past year and a half (though she's quick to laud the fundraising prowess of the Boston College development office). The program's biggest supporters include Strategic Grant Partners, the Hayden Foundation, and, most bountifully, the New Balance Foundation, which is backing, among other initiatives, a health curriculum aimed at raising the guard of students and their families against obesity, substance abuse, violence (there are classes in conflict resolution), and other scourges of the poor. (You know you're getting somewhere, says Tom Myers, MA'07, who is a Boston Connects health coordinator at the Quincy School in Chinatown, "when a fourth-grade boy walks up to you and asks which of the snacks being offered in the after-school program has less saturated fat.")

The funding for Boston Connects—almost \$12 million over the last eight years—has allowed the program to deploy no fewer than 28 school and health coordinators inside the 14 schools it serves. On top of this is a team of 10 Boston College researchers who are amassing an empirical base, including data on the results of interventions, which is all-important if the program is to be reproduced widely, as its developers hope. Boston College picks up part of the research tab and helps to fund the program's administrative structure. "This isn't charity," says Joseph O'Keefe, SJ, the Lynch School's dean. Boston Connects, with its urban focus, helps keep the University close to its roots as what some used to call "Boston's College," O'Keefe says, and, he adds quickly, "This is a serious scholarly pursuit of school reform." The program, he says, advances the Lynch School's research mission of rigorously studying initiatives that make a difference in the lives of children, and reflects the school's teaching mission, which extends to making its own students more attentive to "the whole child."

WHETHER THEY'RE DEANS OR GRANT GIVERS OR foot soldiers in the schools, Walsh's colleagues learn quickly that on the important questions of purpose and priority, she is a formidable stander. "She's not one to back down easily," says Patrice DiNatale, who supervises the coordinators from her base in Campion Hall and was formerly part of Payzant's leadership team in the Boston school system. Walsh has stood her ground, DiNatale says, on occasions when coordinators have asserted their need to spend more time counseling fewer and especially-distressed children. That, in Walsh's broad view, deflects attention from the thicker ranks of students, all of whom need to stay on the Boston Connects radar screen.

Reaching out to students before they drift behind is indeed emblematic of Boston Connects. A centerpiece of this approach is the "Whole Class Review," the one-by-one evaluation of each student's needs that coordinators conduct with every teacher by around mid-year. At the Quincy School, another emblem of the drive to catch students before they slide through cracks is a simple manila envelope taped to a basement door with words scrawled out in black marker: "Student Learning Team Individual Referral Forms." Behind that door are Holly Corcoran and Katie Muse-Fisher, the two Boston Connects coordinators at Quincy, where there are 825 students, making it the largest elementary school in the Boston system.

Like coordinators elsewhere, Corcoran and Muse-Fisher have assembled a team of teachers and other school personnel who act quickly on worries about particular students—concerns detailed in forms that teachers take from the manila envelope, fill out, and drop off at the coordinators' office. Elaine Leong, a member of the team and a

*This one-by-one review
of students is a vital part of an
experiment under way in the
Boston public school system,
yielding insights into how to bring
down some of the most stubborn
barriers to student achievement.*

school psychologist who divides her time among several schools, recalls one child who had drawn the concern of a teacher—a girl who, like many others at Quincy, had emigrated from a faraway land. Having trouble adjusting to a new world, the child acted out, disrupting class (Leong asked that certain details be withheld to protect the child's confidentiality) and pushing around other children. Corcoran and Muse-Fisher began assembling a package of services, including art therapy and counseling outside of the school, and they brought her teachers and parents together for regular meetings to discuss progress. With her conduct under control, the girl gradually got on track with her schoolwork.

"If we hadn't had all this last year," Leong says, referring to structures put in place by Boston Connects, "she would have been referred to special education right away. She would be sitting in a separate class rather than in the mainstream of the school." Among many educators, special education, as crucial and beneficial as it is for certain children with serious learning and behavior difficulties, is often viewed as a life sentence that rends a student permanently from the educational mainstream. Leong related this

At Boston's Quincy School



OUR PORTRAITS

Jordan

Jordan

Caonabo

Katherine

Stephanie

Maya

Tiffany

Mitiku

Faith

Angelina

Angelina

Javhar

Bobby Zhong

Bobby is six years old. His favorite colors are yellow and blue. He lives with his Dad, cousin, and brother. He likes to play catch with his brother. Bobby likes to do puppet shows. He has a toy puppet.

1. His
He lives
his sister,
Kia's
He likes to play
as a sea
the beach

Jordan Wu
Katherine
Maya
Mitiku
Nathan
Stephanie
Angelina



Enrichment activities are “not extras,” says Principal Lee, “they’re necessities.” She points out that there are no passages about subways in the state’s standardized exams, but there was, last year, a passage about Beethoven.

account during an interview with her and eight other members of the Quincy learning team, who began rattling off more cases of students who, in the past year, would have landed in special education, precipitously, if there were, as one teacher put it, “no Holly and Katie,” and no alternatives at the ready. Instead, those students are holding their own in regular classes, even if, in the case of one child mentioned, just barely.

Those who are involved in Boston Connects—locally in the schools or as researchers—believe that the general approach is showing dramatic results. The program has begun circulating data indicating, for example, that report card scores have improved at a notably faster clip in schools partnering with Boston Connects than in Boston schools not served by the program (see “Counterpoint,” page 25). One boy who achieved more than anyone could have imagined is “Victor,” the name given to a student, for the purposes of this account, by Kelly Hung, a former coordinator (in a school that shall not be named here), who is now principal of the Phineas Bates Elementary School in Roslindale.

With his father in jail and his mother drifting in and out

of his life, Victor lived with his grandmother. He was distracted all the time in class, talking and literally rolling on the floors. “He wasn’t available for learning,” says Hung, who has master’s degrees in both school counseling (’01) and education administration (’07) from Boston College. Victor’s first-grade teacher had given up on him.

As the school coordinator, Hung began lining up an array of services: mentoring by a volunteer with the Big Brother agency as well as by a teacher who sat with Victor at lunch once a week; counseling at a trauma center during the school day; extra reading help during the school day; a social-skills group for boys, outside the school; and other help, including some decent clothes that Hung rounded up for the child.

As Hung tells it, Victor held on by his fingertips in first grade, barely eluding a special-education referral.

In second grade he joined the school chorus, and his grades improved.

In third grade he was accepted into a highly selective Boston Ballet program for children in the inner city, as part of a partnership with the school facilitated by Boston Connects. Hung arranged transportation for him to and from the dance studio, where he received free dance lessons each week.

In fourth grade, Victor’s days at the school were numbered—he was invited into a class for advanced students offered at another location.

WITH CHILDREN POURING OUT OF THE PODS AT THE Quincy School (an open-floor plan provides only a few traditional classrooms), down stairwells, and into a huge lobby, the end of the day at this Chinatown school has all the tranquility of a hurricane evacuation. The difference is that everyone seems happy and many of the students aren’t going anywhere, or they aren’t going far. In fact, some grown-ups are sailing straight into this storm, among them, on a recent day, two young women walking unhurriedly, holding violin cases, and a young man with a carrying net full of what appear to be rackets and birdies.

The chief evacuation officer is Suzanne Lee, who doubles as school principal, and with a light hand she manages to steer droves of laughing and shrieking children in the right directions. The students may be heading just across the street, for Chinese-language lessons (approximately three-quarters of the students are of Asian descent), or across town for tutoring and homework help at an after-school center; they might be staying where they are, for a violin class provided weekly by the Boston Symphony Orchestra or for the Go Girl Go fitness class serving up badminton on that day. More than half of the 825 students at Quincy take part in one after-school activity or another, most of which were not on offer before Boston Connects set up shop there last year. Break dancing, sing-alongs, martial arts, ping-pong,

TOP LEFT: Quincy’s principal, Suzanne Lee, as school lets out

BOTTOM LEFT: A class at the Quincy School

Indian dancing, computer, chess, chorus, bookmaking, and art (taught by professionals from the Museum of Fine Arts), in addition to violin and fitness—these are some of the enrichment activities spearheaded by Boston Connects in partnership with various community organizations.

Among the affluent, enrichment activities for children are a matter of course, but they are not taken for granted by Lee and her teachers. In Lee's view, the lack of exposure to such experiences is part of the achievement gap between better-off and worse-off students. She points out that there are no passages about subways in the reading comprehension sections of the state's standardized MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) exams, but there was, last year, a passage about Beethoven—which her third-graders flubbed. She recalls going into a class afterward and asking for those who'd heard of Beethoven to raise their hands. "Not a single hand went up," she says.

Speaking of this and the full breadth of services offered through Boston Connects, Lee says, "People look at these as extras. But as far as we're concerned, they're not extras. They're necessities." She worries about funding for such efforts after Boston Connects winds down its experiment in the Boston schools.

While there's no exact timeline for closure, Walsh says it's unrealistic to expect private philanthropic groups to go on bankrolling the involved experiment that is Boston Connects indefinitely. Eventually, the school system would have to take over (although she says Boston Connects would be succeeded at Boston College by a research center providing consultation and technical assistance to the schools). The likelihood of this happening is a wide-open question that's extremely hard to answer, particularly in a time of grim budgetary choices. The cost of putting a single coordinator into a single school runs about \$140,000 a year (including outlays for supervisory and other administrative support). In January 2009, Boston superintendent Carol R. Johnson sought a 15 percent budget cut from principals to help resolve the city's projected \$140 million deficit.

"Right now, we're trying to survive and make sure the kids have teachers in front of them," said Vickie Megias-Batista, an academic superintendent for elementary schools in Boston and former principal of a Boston Connects school, when asked about the program's future. Affirming the program's success in raising student achievement, she ventured that in a better fiscal moment school officials would hope to maintain Boston Connects at least in those schools where it exists now.

The idea of attending to the social needs of children through the schools does appear to be in the political air. To cite a blue-ribbon example, a report by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's Readiness Project called for "student support coordinators" in every low-income school in

the state, a recommendation made after Walsh's testimony to the leadership group that produced the report last June. Massachusetts Secretary of Education Paul Reville said in an e-mail in January that state officials were and remain "very interested in promoting the type of partnership that is highlighted by the work of Boston Connects," referring specifically to collaborations involving colleges and universities. (He did not speak directly to a question about funding.)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT INTRODUCING wide-ranging non-academic support in schools—and for some who are not—the focus of reform remains the mandate to hold teachers and school systems accountable for student performance, as measured principally by standardized tests. In June 2008, for instance, the nonpartisan Education Equality Project, an advocacy initiative embraced by prominent education and civil rights leaders and elected officials (including mayors and school superintendents of many of the country's biggest cities), issued a statement calling on parents of students in low-performing schools to demand higher standards "with a single-minded focus . . . [and] stand up to those political forces and interests who seek to preserve a failed system."

The day before, another group of educators and public servants, similarly prominent, had issued a statement titled "A Broader, Bolder Approach." It argued that schools need a hand from the wider community and its social agencies, in their push to lift up the poorest students. Are the two approaches irreconcilable? At least one individual appeared as a signatory to both declarations: Arne Duncan, now U.S. Secretary of Education. As chief executive officer of Chicago's public school system, Duncan led a drive to carve social services into 150 of the city's 600 elementary and secondary schools, during the past eight years. His national ascendance is one reason why there's as much hope among "whole student" advocates as there is uncertainty about the future of this movement.

What remains certain is that Mary Walsh will be raising the flag for this way of doing education reform, this way of giving children a better chance. On a wall in her office, hangs a photograph of an African-American child blowing bubbles with obvious delight and with Boston College's Gasson Tower beyond. It was snapped a few years ago on a campus green when a flock of children from St. Columbkille School in Brighton were on the Heights for summer camp. What Walsh likes about the picture, she says, is "the absolute freedom in his face, blowing bubbles against the gothic tower, against the world."

There was a pensive pause in the conversation as Walsh looked up again at the framed photograph of the little boy. Still gazing at the picture, she smiled softly and said, "I hope he's still blowing bubbles." ■

Counterpoint

Boston Connects is related to a larger whole-student movement that for at least a decade and a half has tried to forge links between communities and schools, often under the rubric of "community schools" or "full-service schools." In one of the better-known experiments of this kind, the non-profit Children's Aid Society of New York has operated 20 community schools (elementary, middle, and secondary) in that city's public education system since 1992.

Sponsored by Boston College, the Boston Connects program grew out of a classic community-school partnership at the Gardner School in Allston-Brighton. That experiment in education began in 1997 and is still running strong.

Two aspects primarily distinguish Boston Connects from the wider movement: its focus on one child at a time, and its practice of matching up students and their families with nonprofit agencies outside the school. "Community schools don't do that," says program director and Lynch School professor Mary Walsh. Instead they have non-profit groups working inside the buildings, extending their usual social services to students, their families, and the surrounding community. The school buildings become veritable malls of services, typically open from dawn into the night, on weekends and during the summer. At the Gardner School, for instance, children have access to a full medical clinic, breakfast and after-school snacks, and tutoring; their parents have been offered GED classes and immigration counseling.

Howard Adelman, who studies school-community collaborations at the University of California at Los Angeles, says exhaustive individual child assessments of the sort conducted by Boston Connects aren't necessary. It's easy to figure out the broad social needs in a given school, he says, and the

great task is to gear up programs for the entire student population. For their part, Walsh and her Boston Connects colleagues are wary that a child's distinctive needs may go unserved in the pack.

Nationwide, there have been plenty of experiments along the general line of offering social support to disadvantaged students, says Adelman, a psychologist. But there's an end of that line—"When the money goes away, the experiment goes away," he says, alluding to philanthropic sources that eventually run dry. There's no case, he says soberly, of a

major school system taking such a program system wide after the pilot project has run its course.

Walsh knows this, but she's encouraged by the data her 10-member research team is grinding out on Boston Connects. It's the kind of painstaking research that universities do. In what the researchers describe as "early findings," average report-card grades in Boston Connects schools have climbed sharply (from under 2.1 to 2.6 in grade points for writing, for exam-

ple, over five years), well outstripping improvements in other Boston schools. And the longer children are enrolled in a Boston Connects school, the greater their gains are, compared with students elsewhere. In general, the researchers say, the beneficial surge of services from Boston Connects is outweighing the impeding drag of poverty on learning.

Walsh believes Boston Connects data will help buttress the case for the whole-student approach generally, and for the one-on-one approach particularly. Adelman is lashing his hopes to a variant wind he detects in Washington. Arne Duncan, the new secretary of education, is a solid backer of community schools.

—William Bole



Boston Connects research team members, from left: Eric Dearing, Kathleen Rhoades, Mary Walsh, Maggie Chen, and George Madaus

On the strip

Photographs by Gary Wayne Gilbert

If spectators entering the Plex on December 5 for the second annual fencing Beanpot (Boston College, Brandeis, Harvard, and MIT) were expecting a swashbuckling spectacle, they were likely surprised—and at times perplexed—by what they saw: a series of exchanges so fast and so brief that one had to check a digital scoring console to know the outcome.

One of the nine original sports of the modern Olympic Games, fencing has evolved from its dueling origins into three highly refined divisions, each defined by the weapon used: foil, which has a somewhat flexible, narrow rectangular steel blade roughly 35 inches long; epee, with a stiffer and heavier blade; and sabre, which has the lightest blade, well suited to the slashing motions of this discipline. "Because each weapon has different tactics, each tends to attract different physical and emotional types," says Syd Fadner, who has been coaching the 28-member (12 women and 16 men) Boston College fencing team since 1991, the year it was founded.

The foil is a thrusting weapon. A point is scored by recording a touch with the end of the blade on an opponent's torso—the vital area 18th-century fencers would have been trained to hit—and bouts are governed by right-of-way rules that determine which fencer is eligible to score. Reflecting their historical link to the cavalry, sabre fencers may score anywhere from the waist up, including the head, and the right-of-way rules encourage aggressive attacking. In epee, as in foil, points can be scored only with the tip of the blade, but there are neither right-of-way rules nor defined target areas. That simplicity is what attracted Adam Berkland '09 to epee when he started fencing in high school in Minnesota. "It's a lot more like an actual duel," he says. "If you get stabbed, you can't say 'well, I had the parry, so I shouldn't be dead.'" Rhode Islander Sjur Hoftun '11, on the other hand, relishes the rules of foil. "There's more strategy involved," he says. "In foil, you can develop a few moves in advance."

One trait all three disciplines share is the furious speed of the action. Because of this, points are registered electronically. Each weapon is wired, with a cord running from the grip through the fencer's uniform and, via a long retractable cord, to the scoring console. Foils and epees feature a button at the tip of the blade that must be depressed to score a touch; the entire blade of a sabre is electrified. Because foil and sabre rules define target areas on the fencers, competitors wear electrically wired clothing that registers hits. Sabre fencers' helmets are similarly wired.

Fencing may seem like an individual sport, but there is a strong sense of camaraderie among BC's combatants. Hoftun recalls a match last season in which the Eagles staged an unlikely comeback against Yale. "The whole team gathered around the strip to cheer me on. In a situation like that, if you're not with it, you're doing a disservice to everyone else." Hoftun won his bout handily.

—Tim Czerwienski



ABOVE: Coach Syd Fadner, flanked by Corin Porter '11 and Christine Cook '11, awaits the results of the first round of bouts. BELOW: Epee fencer Peter Lowe '09 (right) moves to defend against a Brandeis attacker. NEXT PAGE: Foil fencer Jennifer Colacino '11 prepares to parry a move by Harvard's Emily Cross, a silver medalist in Beijing.









ABOVE: Lowe lunges at his leaping opponent. Fencers must stay within the 6- by 44-foot strip. The first to score five touches wins the bout.
 BELOW: Wired and waiting (from left), Malcolm Conley '10, Amanda Cortes '09, Joanna Klekowicz '11, and Cook. Teams field three fencers in each weapon.





ABOVE: Porter, Brian Like '12 (center), and Adam Berkland '09 relax between bouts. Uniforms are lightly padded but no defense against bruising blows.
BELOW: Fadner addresses the team prior to its toughest match, against Harvard. Overall, the men finished the event in second place, the women in fourth.







DISASTER PLAN

When the earth quakes and the winds blow, who are you going to call? It's a political question

By Alan Wolfe

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS BEFORE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION launched the modern debate about equality, another great historical event shook Europe. "Shook," in this context, is meant to be taken literally. The earthquake began at 9:40 in the morning on November 1, 1755.

*That was the year when Lisbon-town
saw the earth open and gulp her down*

So wrote the poet and physician Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., father of the U.S. Supreme Court justice, a little more than a century later. Most likely measuring near 9 on the Richter scale, the tremors and subsequent fires and tsunamis destroyed nearly all of Lisbon and caused havoc as far away as Morocco, resulting in as many as 90,000 deaths. Scientists would eventually address how such enormous devastation happened, but its meaning became a major 18th-century pre-occupation, prompting an outpouring of moral, political, and theological reflection.

Philosophically speaking, the Lisbon quake of 1755 changed everything.

The Lisbon earthquake raised important questions about the nature of God. To the strictly confessional, the earthquake was clearly a sign, not unlike those found in the Bible, of God's displeasure with our sinful conduct. But if God is all-powerful and good, responded other theologians, how could such a terrible catastrophe have been allowed to take place? Because 18th-century Europeans did not live in biblical times but in an increasingly enlightened age, the latter question attracted more interest than the former assertion. And because there was no obvious answer to it, merely posing it dealt a severe blow to conservative forms of Christianity.

To be sure, Enlightenment thinkers had no easy explanation for the Lisbon disaster, either. Jean-Jacques Rousseau, who blamed human beings rather than assigning the responsibility to God, saw the devastation as proof of just how bad it was for us to live together in those artificial entities called cities (and yet we continue to do so). Voltaire concluded from the earthquake that perhaps everything was not for the best in this best of all possible worlds, after all. Kant, fascinated with the seismic disaster, was led to ask not why God would do such a thing but why a seemingly ordered physical world could suddenly appear without order.

Mostly, as the contemporary philosopher Susan Neiman

points out, the Lisbon earthquake changed the way Europeans thought about good and evil: If human beings didn't bring the earthquake about, if there were no motive for it, was the whole experience, from a philosophical or religious perspective, therefore meaningless? Nothing less than modern philosophy was born out of the tremors, Neiman argues. From this time forward, she writes, we would no longer apply the term "moral" to a phenomenon that was natural in origin. And only events when human beings engaged in deliberate cruelty toward others could be described as immoral. The Lisbon earthquake made people far more discriminating in their understanding of morality, but it in no way answered the question of why they lived with tragedy.

OUR LISBON EARTHQUAKE TOOK PLACE IN THE LAST days of August 2005. Much as 18th-century Europeans did, 21st-century Americans watched nature's fury launched against a major city and immediately began to wonder why it had caused such total devastation.

Hurricane Katrina did not raise many I-told-you-so invocations of God's displeasure, although one could hear, off on the distant right, cries to the effect that the easy sex available in New Orleans angered God to the point of taking revenge.

Gulfport, Mississippi, after Katrina



Just as the Lisbon earthquake resulted in deep discussions of the nature of morality, Hurricane Katrina provoked serious reflection about the conservative understanding of the role of government. It was a test case that conservatism failed.

Nor were ours primarily questions of theodicy, or how a good God could be responsible for bad things; in spite of its religious revival, even the United States is too secular in modern times to sustain such a discussion. We did not adopt the Rousseauian posture of denouncing cities; we are too urban for that. Hurricane Katrina did not even put a significant dent in America's spirit of optimism, the kind of belief in inevitable progress that Voltaire had mocked in *Candide*—and that moves Americans to build homes in the path of storms.

Instead, as Americans watched the devastation on television, talk turned immediately to politics. The federal government's response was slow and out of sync with the depth of the tragedy, and Americans wanted to know why. Just as the Lisbon earthquake resulted in deep discussions of the nature of morality, Hurricane Katrina provoked serious reflection about the dynamics of governance. It became a test case for the conservative understanding of the role of government—for the idea that government should be kept as far removed from people's lives as possible—and it was a test that conservatism failed.

George W. Bush, the most conservative president of modern times, was elected, at least in 2000, on the issue of competence. Bush was America's first MBA leader, a man who had attended business school at Harvard and there had developed a well-thought-out management philosophy. Compared to the helter-skelter approach of the Clinton administration that preceded him, he would, Bush claimed, bring to government the experience and wisdom of private sector executives who knew something about budgets and bottom lines. His argument was that it was time for the adults to take over the business of running the country. Taxes would be cut, not necessarily because

government would be trimmed back—in fact, Bush developed a version of compassionate conservatism that suggested new tasks for government—but because the state would be run more efficiently.

Yet when Hurricane Katrina struck, the federal government Bush oversaw was nowhere to be found. The main responsibility for disaster relief belonged to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), created by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 as a response to pleas made on behalf of the nation's governors for federal coordination in this area. In subsequent years, many presidents had come to view FEMA posts as rewards for political support. It was not completely surprising therefore that as Katrina hit land, the man in charge of the agency, Michael Brown, who had padded his résumé and was in any case a failed lobbyist, knew little or nothing about the tasks for which his agency was responsible. Brown's inexperience quickly showed. Not only did he fail to appreciate the magnitude of the storm, even as its destructive power was already known to anyone watching television, he delayed the provision of aid to the area and then, to the utter astonishment of professionals on the ground, refused to allow emergency responders from outside New Orleans to move in: "It is critical," Brown said, "that fire and emergency departments across the country remain in their jurisdictions until such time as the affected states require their assistance." As revealed in a series of e-mails released to the public, Brown seemed more concerned with his looks and clothes than with helping people in severe distress.

"INCOMPETENT," HOWEVER, IS NOT QUITE THE WAY TO describe the Bush administration's response to Katrina. The conservatives who worked for the president had a well-developed philosophy of how to treat issues such as disaster relief, and they responded to Katrina by putting their philosophy immediately to work. That philosophy had been articulated by Brown's predecessor as head of FEMA, Joseph Allbaugh. Allbaugh, who had been Bush's campaign manager in 2000, knew little or nothing about disaster relief. But this did not prevent him from outlining strong views on the subject when he testified before a Senate subcommittee in May 2001, four years before Katrina struck. "It is not the role of the federal government to tell a community what it needs to do to protect its citizens and infrastructure," he said on that occasion. "Many are concerned that federal disaster assistance may have evolved into both an oversized entitlement program and a disincentive to effective state and local risk management. Expectations of when the federal government should be involved and the degree of involvement may have ballooned beyond what is an appropriate level. We must restore the predominant role of state and local response to most disasters. Federal assistance needs to supplement, not supplant, state and local efforts."

When Katrina hit New Orleans, the administration's first instinct was to delegate the responsibility for dealing with the disaster to state and local officials, and then to keep tight control on the federal purse strings to prevent use of federal money for purposes that might be deemed frivolous. To the degree that the administration was incompetent, then, it was not because of errors of omission; on the contrary, the inability of the Bush administration to respond to the disaster was a form of planned incompetence, a direct result of its view of government's proper role in society.

In fact, Michael Brown's unwillingness to act in the face of Katrina's destructive power was matched by that of his colleagues. Despite warnings of potential disaster, Brown's supervisor, Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, never went to his office in the two days before Katrina struck the Louisiana coastline, and, like Brown, Chertoff was extremely slow to acknowledge the seriousness of what was taking place. Although presented with numerous opportunities to declare Katrina a catastrophic event, thereby assigning it the government's highest priority, Chertoff opted instead to call it an "incident of national significance," making clear that the federal government would not assume full control of the relief effort. ("Chertoff's inaction," the historian Douglas Brinkley notes in his book *The Great Deluge*, "cost lives.") Nor did President Bush feel any particular need to respond. When the distraught governor of Louisiana, Kathleen Blanco, appealed for funds, Bush, according to Brinkley, "didn't pursue the matter actively enough. Louisiana was a notorious black hole for pork-barrel funds. He wasn't going to write a blank check. He also wouldn't be inclined to make up for Blanco's inexperience; if she was floundering, he didn't leap to save her reputation."

Any doubts about how determined conservatives were to fit Hurricane Katrina into the way they thought about government were resolved when right-wing activists and intellectuals began to ponder the longer-term implications of the disaster. On September 12, 2005, two weeks after the hurricane hit, the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank, published a paper repeating the essence of Allbaugh's earlier testimony to the effect that disaster relief should not be a federal responsibility, urging instead the creation of "opportunity zones" based on free market principles. Jack Kemp, once a Republican candidate for president, similarly viewed Katrina as a "golden opportunity" for conservatives to get their ideas across. "Bush has what Social Security and tax reform lacked," the conservative policy analyst Tod Lindberg said in the same vein, "a real sense of crisis that places his opponents in an awkward position. He can make demands in the name of New Orleans, including demands for substantive policy changes, that he could never obtain in the absence of a crisis." Mike Pence, a Republican congressman from Indiana, told the *Wall Street Journal* at the time

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that "the desire to bring conservative, free market ideas to the Gulf Coast is white hot. We want to turn the Gulf Coast into a magnet for free enterprise. The last thing we want is a federal city where New Orleans was." And when President Bush endorsed some of these ideas, such as relying on school vouchers or personal accounts for the poor, Rich Lowry, editor of the conservative *National Review*, noted liberal opposition to them and expressed the view that "the objection to these Bush proposals isn't fiscal, but philosophical. They serve to undermine the principle of government dependency that underpins the contemporary welfare state, and to which liberals are utterly devoted. In a reversal of the old parable, liberals don't want to teach people how to fish if they can just give them federally funded seafood dishes instead."

WHY DO WE HAVE GOVERNMENT IN THE FIRST PLACE? From where does its power derive? When are its actions legitimate and when are they not? Is it our friend, ready to help us in times of danger, or a seducer, holding out false allures that we must be determined to resist? Are we too dependent upon it? Would we be better off if we weaned ourselves from it in favor of reliance on the market or private charity? Must it corrupt, and corrupt absolutely? If bad things happen, can government make them better? If we are to have it, should its authority stand as a symbol of the nation and the community it defines, or are its powers so awesome that, to control abuse, its authority should be divided and kept as close to home as possible? These are serious philosophical and moral questions. It is in that sense a credit to conservatives that they raised them before and after Hurricane Katrina. But in doing so, conservatives also managed to demonstrate, as sin-obsessed religious thinkers did before them in 18th-century Lisbon, that their descrip-



Lower ninth ward, New Orleans, three months after Katrina

tions of how the world works are as irrelevant as their prescriptions for how it should.

States have grown over the past two centuries or so because it is impossible to realize the good life without them. States build roads and provide the infrastructure that makes society function. They insure people against the vagaries of sudden job loss. They have improved the living conditions of the elderly. They provide for the common defense. They make the streets safe. Without them, it would be difficult to have museums, schools, libraries, and concert halls. Government, in a nutshell, is a synonym for civilization.

One can, if one chooses, imagine a society without government—this is the favorite pastime of anarchism, the least important political philosophy of our time—but the moment one begins to picture a society in which human needs are met, there one will find the state. And while we generally don't dwell on this much in normal times, the fact is that natural disasters happen. Nature can wreak a havoc that makes a role for the state inevitable and reminds us of government's blessings—the bigger, the more fully financed, and the more comprehensive the better.

Not very many people today believe that there exists a God so vengeful as to launch earthquakes and hurricanes upon innocent people. It may someday be equally incom-

prehensible that in August 2005 public officials found reasons not to use powers the state had at its command. Do you really mean to tell me, some future skeptic will ask, that serious people believed it mattered whether the local, state, or federal government was first on the ground—that the powers of the federal government had to be held in abeyance—at a time when many were dying? It will seem the 21st century's version of disputing how many angels fit on the head of a pin.

Hurricane Katrina should be viewed as a decisive event in the history of political philosophy, at least as far as the United States is concerned. Before, American conservatism possessed a certain credibility. It seemed at least plausible that governments closer to where people live might best be relied on, over the government in Washington, D.C., or that private efforts at relief might be superior to public ones. After Katrina, no one except the most ideological among us can take these as axioms of political life. ■

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"The Jesus rhetoric that we have assimilated through sermons, Bible study, hymns, literature, pictures, and movies imbues images of Jesus with the dominant cultural and religious values accorded to gender, race, class, and ethnicity. In other words, how we see Jesus bespeaks the values that the prevailing culture considers important. Since we have not simply one, but four very different canonical gospels—and many more, if we count those that did not make it into the official canons of the churches—scholars have to piece together often contradictory information in order to reconstruct a historical picture of Jesus's life and work. . . . At best, we can glimpse the historical shadow of Jesus of Nazareth; but how scholars develop his picture will always depend on the lens they use."

—Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, the Krister Stendahl Professor of Divinity at Harvard University, in a talk describing her historical reconstruction of Jesus from a feminist perspective, delivered November 11, 2008, at Boston College. The talk was sponsored by the Church in the 21st Century Center and the Women's Resource Center.

Born again

by Mark Massa, SJ

How to revitalize post-ghetto Catholicism

Tocqueville said it first. Religion flourishes in the United States because it is completely voluntary and all religious groups must compete.

Among the country's religious groups, two models have competed most successfully: "total culture" and "evangelical outreach." Both have contributed to making the United States the most religious nation of the industrialized world.

The total culture model offers a religious identity that meets individuals' needs for social location, family values, and meaningful group interaction, by providing a nourishing and complex, if sometimes confining, network of institutions from cradle to grave. The aim is a complete identity—theological, cultural, and sometimes even political (witness the connection of American Catholics to the Democratic Party that perdured until the Reagan Revolution of the 1980s).

Evangelical outreach, on the other hand, has won in the membership sweepstakes by warmly nurturing individual piety and offering an intense cultural ideology to the 40 percent of Americans who claim to have had a born-again experience. The evangelical model has achieved success not primarily through institutional networks, but rather through an appeal to individuals, and through them to their families and friends. Distrustful of popular culture and the media, to be sure, the evangelical tradition nonetheless can claim the slickest and most successful media productions aimed at religiously curious people of any group in North America—far slicker than the Catholic Eternal Word Television Network of Mother Angelica, for instance.

Until the 1960s, Roman Catholicism in the United States opted quite successfully for the total culture model, constructing



During a sermon at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, California, Pastor Rick Warren is seen on the monitor. The woman in the foreground is an usher.

what the historian Charles Morris has termed a "Catholic mini-state." To be Catholic between 1800 and 1960 in America was not unlike being Amish in Pennsylvania or Mormon in Utah. As Garry Wills described the experience in "Memories of a Catholic Boyhood," an essay from his 1972 book, *Bare Ruined Choirs*:

We spoke a different language from the rest of [America] ... odd bits of Latinized English that were not parts of other six-year-olds' vocabulary—words like "contrition" and "transubstantiation." The words often came embedded in formulae ("imperfect contrition"), and the formulae were often paired in jingles (imperfect contrition and perfect contrition). Theology was a series of such distinctions: *ex opere operato* and *ex opere operantis*, homoousion and homoiousion, mortal sin and venial sin, matter of sin and intention of sin.

For good and for ill, Catholics grew up differently from their Protestant neighbors. As Wills recalled, "There were some places we went [that] others did not—into the confessional box, for instance." Catholicism, Wills observed, was a "vast set of intermeshed childhood habits." And the habits of childhood, as we all know, die hard.

All of this changed in a dramatically rapid way after World War II. Contemporary critics of the breakup of "total Catholic culture" blame the so-called liberalizing effects of the Second Vatican Council, or they point to Paul VI's teachings on birth control in his 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, citing the mass noncompliance that ensued. But in fact the dissolution of the American Catholic ghetto was well under way considerably before 1962, the year Vatican II opened. I would place it in the middle two decades of the 20th

century: after the GI Bill of 1944 allowed Catholic lambs to nibble ivy at Yale and Columbia and many Catholic families moved into verdant middle-class affluence, culminating in a cultural arrival of sorts, in the early 1960s, with the presidency of John F. Kennedy. It was at the end of these two decades, roughly 1945–65, that Irish Catholics emerged to become (as they remain today) the wealthiest and best-educated non-Jewish ethnic group per capita in the United States, leaving behind the old subculture in which poetry meant Leonard Feeney, and college excellence meant Holy Cross.

Leaving the ghetto was culturally necessary and appropriate. It was also quite predictable, in light of the experiences of other religious groups in the United States that had once stood apart from the mainstream, including the Quakers, the Methodists, and the

Lutherans. And yet, it seems to me, Irish Catholics—followed quickly by German and Italian Catholics—embraced the liberal mainstream values of the post–World War II world with a fervor and devotion that were, in retrospect, far too uncritical and far too celebratory of American culture for the long-term health of their religious community. The abandonment of the Catholic mini-state has left Catholicism in the United States with an identity crisis.

THE DOWNSIDE CAN PERHAPS BEST be illustrated by contrasting the Catholic community today with a religious community that so far has decided to remain within its total culture: the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, more commonly known as the Mormons. The Mormons ask that their young believers take two years out from college for the purpose of undertaking what they call “witnessing,” articulating their faith as part of a mission to gentiles in the United States or abroad. Approximately 40 percent of young adult Mormons volunteer for this work—an impressively high portion. Some element of their family life and their cultural experience in the Mormon mini-state leads them to interrupt their educational careers on behalf of their religion.

The Mormon experience stands in marked contrast to the contemporary American Catholic community, where a debate roils on how effective the group has been in “passing on the faith” to its young people. These debates are fraught with emotion—as any Catholic with teenagers knows—and the statistics on success are much controverted. At bottom is a sense among American Catholics that “something has gone wrong” in the imparting of religious literacy to young people.

Four years ago, a report was published titled *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. Its principle investigator, Christian Smith, a sociologist at the University of Notre Dame, mined several national studies of young people, and sent out his own questionnaire to thousands of U.S. teenagers. The findings were mixed: good news for Mormons and for evangelicals, disquieting for Catholics.

The Catholic community, writes Smith, runs more institutions directed at passing on its faith to young people than all the other religious groups combined, and yet Catholic young people are the least likely to be able to describe their personal beliefs or the faith of their Church. The phrase he applies to young Catholics is “incredibly inarticulate.”

Indeed, Catholic young people, Smith says, make up the largest subgroup of adherents to the real faith of the American teenager, a faith he terms “moralistic therapeutic deism.” The creed has five points:

- God is nice.
- Most people are nice.
- Most people—save for Adolf Hitler—go to heaven.
- All other theological and ethical statements are relative, being true primarily if they work for you.
- Whatever.

This faith comes very close to that expressed by my own smart students at Fordham College, and I find it deeply troubling. How is it that Mormon teenagers can articulate their beliefs to others (and willingly do so), while Catholic young people, inheritors of a religion that has been in the business of passing on faith exponentially longer than the followers of Joseph Smith, by and large cannot? I can’t help but think that the answer has a great deal to do with the broader culture in which Catholic young people grow up.

It seems highly unlikely that American Catholics will ever again opt for a ghetto existence—even a nurturing one. Nor should they: Catholics outgrew their confinement socially, culturally, and politically, and in any case, as Thomas Wolfe pointed out, one can’t go home again. And so, the most effective strategy for the Catholic community in the United States for the 21st century would be to become more evangelical.

THE DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIANITY in America describes evangelicalism as being notable for its “stress on the personal experience of the grace of God, usually termed a ‘new birth’ or ‘conversion.’” Evangelicalism tends to emphasize a personal ability to verbalize religious faith,

and accentuates the need to spread that faith to others.

This may seem a thoroughly Protestant form of Christianity; and for most of Christianity’s history in North America, it has been a predominantly Protestant expression of religious faith. But we should be careful about equating “Protestant” with “evangelical,” without remainder. My own religious community, the Society of Jesus—the Jesuits—founded by St. Ignatius Loyola in the mid-16th century, is a resolutely evangelical order, with a profoundly evangelical spirituality.

At the heart of Jesuit spirituality is a retreat outline known as the “spiritual exercises.” The exercises are performed in their entirety twice in a Jesuit’s life for 30 days, in silence. Their purpose: “conversion of the heart.” The individual is told to pray explicitly for this outcome, a practice known in Jesuit parlance as “praying for the fruit of the exercises.”

Jesuit spirituality is much like that of many other religious orders, and its exercises are much like many other Catholic spiritual exercises—including the Teens Encounter Christ retreats for high school students and the Kairos retreats for undergraduates. The exercises are explicitly evangelical in that they aim at an individual affective experience of grace, in the context of which a “life choice” is made. The individual who has successfully experienced the fruit of the exercises—or the full force of a Kairos retreat—can verbalize a religious encounter that is intensely personal and can articulate the resulting choices.

This kind of personal religious experience—dare I say, conversion—should be made universally available, in fact normative, for American Catholics. The older Catholic model, with its emphasis on the communal, the mediated, and the sacramental nature of Catholic Christianity, should be balanced by a complementary emphasis on direct experience of the holy.

As I tell my freshmen, “Sitting at Mass doesn’t make you a Christian, any more than sitting in a garage makes you a car.” Life as a Catholic Christian isn’t only— isn’t even primarily—about encountering Jesus in the Eucharist. It is, in the main, about serving as Jesus’s disciple and giving witness to that life of discipleship.

BALANCING THE SACRAMENTAL AND evangelical impulses within Catholicism would address head-on two major problems within the Church: clericalism and the priest shortage. As anyone who has participated in an Ignatian retreat knows, the majority of spiritual directors at Jesuit—or any Catholic—retreat houses are not priests; in the United States, they are women.

Spiritual direction, campus ministry, and preaching all rest on a model of authority different from that of clerical ordination. As the French social scientist Émile Durkheim pointed out more than a century ago, there is “traditional authority,” which is passed on institutionally through protocols such as ordination, and there is “charismatic authority,” a self-authenticating form that emerges outside of regular institutional channels. Ordination has nothing to do with charismatic authority. If an individual is a horrible preacher before ordination, after ordination, he is simply an ordained horrible preacher. A more evangelical understanding of Catholicism would enable the charismatic gifts present in the Catholic community—especially those possessed by lay men and women—to build up the community.

Catholic Christianity has always recognized charismatic authority, if sometimes reluctantly. St. Dominic, St. Francis, and St. Ignatius—all of whom were originally viewed as suspect by the institutional Church of their day—eventually achieved canonical approval by channeling their charismatic worldviews into discrete religious orders. The time has come to broaden the appreciation of charismatic authority beyond the confines of religious orders and ease some of the burden that the Catholic community now places on its shrinking population of ordained clergy. To do so would also take up the promise of Vatican II, which was built on the insight that the Church is the entire people of God, and make the Catholic tradition more accessible (and more understandable) to all Americans.

In the 16th century, the Reformation forced Catholics and Protestants alike into taking theological stances that were polemical and lacking in nuance. Over and against the very real threats inherent in

Protestant individualism and the attacks on sacramental realities, the Council of Trent (1545–63) opted for a more communal, hierarchical, and sacramental model of Christianity that came to define Catholic belief as being about dogma and described the Catholic encounter with the holy as being about receiving Communion. But the medieval Church—the “unreformed Church” of the high Middle Ages—had previously done a better job of balancing the sacramental and evangelical, the communal and personal. Lay guilds, lay appointment of certain clerical positions in parishes, the influence of the lay friars of the Franciscan and Dominican orders all gave late medieval Catholicism a much more democratic,

pluralistic, and affectively satisfying piety than post-Reformation Catholicism has offered since.

Balancing the sacramental tradition with an evangelical, lay-centered piety would at long last bring a corrective “yin” to the “yang” of a Church I think we can safely say is in crisis. ■

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As if life depends on it

From the Burns Library

In 1997, Boston College acquired items from the estate of the Irish novelist, journalist, and gadfly Flann O'Brien (1911–66). Along with approximately 14,000 manuscript pages and O'Brien's library of 500-odd books, the University's curators catalogued his fedora, violin (seldom played), passport, diary, hand lens, fountain pen, and Underwood typewriter. On this last he wrote his best-known, modernist novel, *At Swim-Two-Birds* (1939), and likely also "Cruiskeen Lawn," his satirical thrice-weekly column in the *Irish Times*, where he once famously termed members of the Irish Parliament unfit for "minding mice at crossroads."





Truck 105 near the west facade of the Pentagon, where Flight 77 hit

FIRST RESPONSE

by Rick Newman '88 and Patrick Creed

At 9:50 a.m. on September 11, 2001, the crew of Truck 105 arrived at the Pentagon

THE FIRST FIRE CREWS TO ARRIVE AT THE PENTAGON that morning didn't know where their commanders were. But they didn't need to. When a building is burning and people are trapped inside, you don't stand around waiting for orders. Their highest priority was search and rescue. Once that was under way, and more crews had arrived, firefighters would begin "suppression" efforts—hosing down the fire and beating it back.

The crew of Truck 105 out of Arlington, Virginia—Derek Spector, Brian Roache, and Ron Christman—could tell by the people staggering out onto the lawn on the Pentagon's west side that there were probably still victims trapped inside the building. Military personnel were gathering with backboards to help transport people who couldn't walk. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld materialized briefly, in his jacket and tie, and helped carry a victim on a stretcher. With so much chaotic activity in the area, few people seemed to notice him.

After pulling on their protective gear and air packs, the firefighters hurried toward the nearest entrance. Spector, the acting commander, reminded them not to run. Walking would give the crew a few crucial seconds to focus on the job ahead. And running would only make them winded and raise their adrenaline levels. They needed to be steady.

Like a lot of firefighters, Spector qualified as a "supertick," a lifelong fire hound who lives to go on calls. He first joined the fire service as a teenager, in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where the department had been manned by gruff, old-school guys who thought little of getting singed in a fire. The roughneck ethos rubbed off on the stocky, gregarious fireman. But Spector was careful and professional too, a good candidate to be promoted to captain.

As the three entered the building, they saw that both of the massive eight-foot-high oak doors guarding the entrance had been

blown off their hinges, seared and splintered. A few burned, blackened victims stumbled past.

Inside it was dark. A handful of officers from the Pentagon's police force, the Defense Protective Service, were darting in and out of smoky offices, looking for people. In the haze, they were mere shadows. There was muffled shouting.

"I think I hear somebody over here!" came a cry. Somebody else implored, "Check this office. Hurry!"

Spector gathered a few of the Pentagon police officers. "Don't let anybody else back inside the building," he urged them. "It's too dangerous. We'll be the ones who search for survivors."

He told his crew to pull on their air masks and start their air. While Roache was adjusting his equipment, an Army officer came running up to him, hollering about somebody on the second floor they needed to rescue. "There's a general up there," the man pleaded. "He's important. You've got to get him!"

"We're doing what we can," Roache answered. "Now you gotta get out of here."

The Army officer wouldn't give up. "He's important. He's a general," the officer kept repeating.

Roache, anxious and wired, lost patience. "As far as I'm concerned, everybody's important," he snapped. "We can't just run in and save the whole building. You're wearing me down, man. You need to get out of the building."

"I'm sorry, you're right," the soldier glumly acknowledged, beginning to hack from the smoke. He turned and headed quickly for the door.

The three firefighters were standing in the building's equivalent of a four-way intersection. In front of them was Corridor 5, a spoke leading to the open courtyard at the center of the Pentagon. On their left a hallway, the E Ring, led away from the fire; on their right it ran directly into the impact zone. Then there was the third dimension—the floors above and below, laid out in the same fashion. In the smoke and pandemonium, it wasn't obvious where they should look first.

Somebody else materialized out of the gloom. "I heard a lady screaming down there," a security officer choked out, pointing down the E Ring in the direction of the fire. That sealed it—they were already on the first floor, and it made sense to head for the core of the fire, where they were most likely to find people needing help.

They pushed through a set of doors into the E Ring. Black smoke suddenly engulfed them, as dark and murky as if they were at the bottom of the ocean. They had trained in conditions like these, but they'd rarely experienced anything like this in a real fire. Spector reached for the flashlight strapped to his shoulder, held his left arm out, and pointed the beam at the reflective stripes at the end of his sleeve. He could barely see them. Visibility was less than two feet.

The Arlington County Fire Department had recently issued some of its crews thermal imagers—sophisticated and expensive new equipment similar to the night-vision devices military units carry in the field. The devices allow firefighters to see people in conditions with zero visibility by sensing their body heat. Truck 105 had a single imager; Spector had trained with it, but he'd never used it in a live fire.

The imager, shaped like a handheld spotlight, worked like a digital camcorder, except that everything appeared in black, white, and gray. Hot areas were bright white, while cooler areas were darker. The screen showed only thermal representations—but those would be enough to guide Spector and his crew through the smoke.

Spector told Roache to take the left side of the hallway and Christman the right. The two began moving slowly, blindly, down the hallway, using their hands to make out doorways. Spector stayed a few paces behind, in the middle, watching both men through the thermal device, the bright white figures like spirits from a ghost movie.

Instead of the usual flat, predictable contours, the walls were bowed and caved in from the explosion. The firefighters stumbled over debris and had to crawl over obstacles. The undulating walls were the only guideposts they had, so they stuck to them, moving as quickly as they could through the bewildering, new-formed maze.

Standard procedure called for a quick scan of each room with the thermal imager. If no heat from a living body registered after a few seconds, they'd move on. "I've got a doorway!" Roache called on the left.

Spector poked his head into the room and used the imager to survey from corner to corner. He saw no sign of life. "Okay, let's go," he announced, and they continued down the mangled hallway.

"I've got an office here," Christman bellowed on the right. Spector sidled over and went through the same drill. On the thermal imager there was plenty of heat but none of the telltale white splotches that would indicate a living being.

They checked a few more offices as they struggled down the hallway, breaking through doors that were jammed or locked. They found nobody, which was puzzling. Had everybody gotten out? It seemed unlikely, given the demolished offices they were encountering. Still, the rescuers weren't finding any victims, dead or alive.

The hallway was getting thicker with debris. Cables and wires, pipes, and pieces of the ceiling dangled from overhead, making it hard to walk upright. To move forward, the firemen had to duck-walk, squatting down on their haunches and waddling beneath the overhanging hazards.

Spector started to hear occasional thumps, like snowballs splattering on asphalt. He pointed the thermal imager upward and could see that bits of the ceiling were melting and falling down around them in globs. Some of the chunks were as big as baseballs, and they were red-hot.

There was something even more alarming in the imager. Spector pointed the scanner straight ahead, and through the tangle of cables and wires saw a glowing heap of debris—it looked like a mountain of garbage that had been doused with gasoline and torched. Although it blazed only about 25 feet away, Roache and Christman were essentially blind in the smoke and couldn't see it. "Hey guys," Spector called out. "I've got a huge debris pile right in front of us. It's probably three-quarters of the way to the ceiling." He paused, wondering what they should do. Should they try to go around it, or go somewhere else?

Christman, the rookie, sounded eager to push on. "Let's go around it," he said. Roache didn't want to turn back either. Having wriggled this far down the E Ring without finding any-

one, none of them wanted to give up. The heat was still bearable, and if there were people trapped nearby, they were probably near that pile.

But Spector had a bad feeling. He didn't know how far the pile went, what was beyond it, or how stable the building around them was. The bits of melting cement falling on their heads were unnerving. "I don't think we need to be on the other side of that pile," he told his men. "I don't want to get someplace we can't get out of."

They backed out the way they came, crawling over wreckage and feeling their way, Spector issuing guidance gleaned through the imager. In a few moments they were standing back in Corridor 5. The excursion down the E Ring had probably taken less than 10 minutes. They decided to head further into the building and turn down the D Ring in the same direction, to see whether they could find anybody there.

As they pushed on, Spector tried his radio. "One-oh-five to Command," he called out. There was no answer, so he repeated the call. Then a shrill tone told him he was out of range, cut off from communications with the outside. That was enough. "Our radios are out," he told Roache and Christman, gesturing toward the exit. "Let's go." They weren't going to help anyone by getting trapped.

Outside, they removed their face pieces, Nomex hoods, and hel-

metts. The bright sun stung their eyes, but it was a relief to inhale freely and not try to conserve air with every breath.

Spector knew he needed to reach a command officer and report what they'd seen inside, especially the crumbling ceiling. He looked around, searching for a command post. "I wonder who's in charge around here?" he asked himself out loud. There seemed to be no sense of order or control to the operation yet.

So he tried the radio again. The operations frequency was overwhelmed with traffic. "One-oh-five to Command. Chief," he said, not knowing which chief he might be talking to, "we've been on the inside. The structural integrity of the building is severely compromised. My recommendation is, send nobody inside."

A medic unit interrupted, calling in a request for all available rescue teams. "Okay," a voice from the command post crackled back. "Where are you at?" Spector wondered if the voice was talking to the medic unit or to him. In the confusion it was impossible to tell. ■

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TESTIMONY

Capitol Hill watch

On February 13, 2008, Rachel E. Rosebloom, a human-rights fellow and supervising attorney at Boston College's Center for Human Rights and International Justice, journeyed to Washington, D.C., at the invitation of the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on immigration, citizenship, refugees, border security, and international law. There, she lent her researcher's perspective at a hearing on emerging problems with immigration and customs enforcement, and cited instances of system failure. Later in the year, on September 18, Lisa Feldman Barrett, a professor of psychology and a 2007 recipient of the National Institutes of Health Pioneer Award, testified before the House subcommittee on research and science education. At issue was an increase in funding for basic research, of which Barrett is a practitioner.

Excerpts drawn and adapted from their statements follow.

DRAGNET

My testimony today concerns the erroneous removal from the United States of U.S. citizens.

Over the past decade, the U.S. deportation system has increasingly come to rely on fast-track removal processes that bypass our immigration courts entirely, entrusting high-stakes decisions to low-level officers and creating conditions that are ripe for error and coercion.

One such process is expedited removal, introduced in 1996 in

the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act. Expedited removal allows Customs and Border Patrol officers to summarily remove foreign nationals who are deemed inadmissible—for lack of a valid entry document, for instance. Individuals subject to expedited removal have no right to counsel and no right to a hearing before an immigration judge. Initially used only at ports of entry, it is now increasingly being used in the interior, as well. An expedited-removal case is supposed to be referred to an immigration judge if a person makes a claim to U.S. citizenship or other legal status. Yet the Center for Human Rights and

International Justice at Boston College is aware of cases in which citizens have been detained for weeks and removed without ever being referred to immigration court.

Another fast-track process is administrative removal, introduced in 1994. This applies to noncitizens who are not permanent residents and have been convicted of certain types of crimes. Such cases are adjudicated by an immigration officer. As with expedited removal, a claim to citizenship is supposed to trigger review by an immigration judge, but the center is aware of cases in which citizens have been removed under this process with no such review—citizens such as Deolinda Smith-Willmore, a 71-year-old, partially blind, lifelong resident of New York State.

The third fast-track process involves immigration officers—and increasingly law enforcement officers—obtaining the “consent” of U.S. citizens for their removal. Individuals such as Pedro Guzman of California, a 29-year-old citizen with serious cognitive disabilities, sign away their rights inherent in citizenship without ever consulting an attorney, and without the determination by a judge that their act is knowing, voluntary, and intelligent, or that deportation is justified.

When considering how these fast-track removal processes might affect citizens, consider that 7 percent of U.S. citizens—and 12 percent of citizens earning less than \$25,000 per year—lack ready access to proof of their citizenship, such as a U.S. passport, naturalization papers, or a birth certificate. For a citizen who is on the margins of society—due to disability, drug addiction, or poverty—getting picked up in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raid, or getting turned over to ICE after a minor brush with the law, may mean entry into a system that can be Kafkaesque.

Three factors magnify the problems associated with this system: The first is lack of access to counsel. Ninety percent of people in immigration detention have no legal representation.

The second is mandatory detention. Detainees are often transferred across the country, far from friends or family who might be able to assist them in gathering the facts necessary for their case. The third factor is the lack of accommodations for individuals with disabilities. Our current deportation system lacks even the most basic safeguards for someone who has difficulty communicating or processing information, is delusional, or is otherwise unable to effectively state a citizenship claim or other defense. Such accommodations are required under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The center is aware of at least eight cases in recent years in which U.S. citizens have been removed.

—Rachel E. Rosenbloom

FOUND IN TRANSLATION

I run an interdisciplinary lab where we study the basic nature of emotion from the standpoints of both the psychologist (who measures behavior) and the neuroscientist (who measures the brain). Today, I'll wear my psychologist's hat and tell you the story of a single scientific discovery that is improving lives. It illustrates the value of basic research.

When I was in graduate school, I noticed something curious in

my psychotherapy patients. Some people used emotion words to refer to very precise and distinct experiences—they felt the heat of anger, the despair of sadness, the dread of fear. Others used the words “anger,” “sadness,” and “fear” interchangeably, as if they did not experience these states as different from one another. They felt, for lack of a better word, “bad.” Outside the therapy room, I saw the same thing in friends and family and students.

This observation was the basis for a decade-long research project (supported by both the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health) in which my lab tracked the emotional experience of more than 700 people during the course of their everyday lives, using a then-novel scientific procedure called computerized experience sampling.

We made a discovery: Differences in emotional expertise translate to important outcomes. Emotion connoisseurs are more flexible. They are more centered, and less buffeted by the slings and arrows of life. Those with less emotional expertise, by contrast, live life as a turbulent roller coaster.

These basic research findings are now being translated into emotional-literacy training programs for children, teachers, and school administrators. By the end of next year, 250 schools in the New York State system alone will participate, and already the results are promising. Children who can identify, understand, label, and regulate their emotions effectively are at lower risk for drug and alcohol abuse. They have better social skills and stronger leadership skills. Perhaps most surprising, hundreds of studies show that emotionally intelligent children have higher grades in math, science, and reading.

The emotionally intelligent children of today become the productive adults of tomorrow. The noted economist and Nobel laureate James Heckman argues that social and emotional expertise is necessary to improve the quality of the American workforce. Emotional literacy may even help to prevent early retirement, which costs the government in Social Security and health care benefits. Anecdotal evidence shows that, regardless of their plans, people often decide to retire on the spur of the moment—say, after a particularly bad day in the office. So instead of retiring at age 67 (when they should), or age 65 (when they plan to), they retire on average at age 63. By teaching emotional literacy to adults, we could prevent that bad day from causing them to retire early.

Science is a food chain, with basic research feeding translational research, which feeds applied research, which can be used by service providers. Basic research in the social and behavioral sciences, however, is being starved in the United States. It takes time for science to feed solutions. Scientific discovery is like slowly peeling an onion; as the researcher explores one question, other, more nuanced questions are revealed beneath (and sometimes, a lot of tears are shed along the way). You cannot run scientific discovery like a business, where you set a tangible goal and a strict timeline.

The neuroscientist who discovered that canary brains grow new cells after birth wasn't *trying* to solve the puzzle of human mental illness. The physicists who discovered quantum mechanics were not *trying* to build a better computer. And my own research on emotion wasn't *originally* targeted at helping children and retirees. But in the end, this is where it has led. ■

—Lisa Feldman Barrett



TRANSITION GAME

by David Fromm '93

Chasing a hoop dream

IN FEBRUARY 1994, WHEN I WAS 23, I DECIDED TO MOVE to Prague, the capital of the recently divorced Czech Republic, to join a professional basketball team. I didn't have much of a clue what I was doing—I wasn't positive, for example, that there were any Czech professional basketball teams. But it seemed important, in some transitional way, to attempt something hard, even a little crazy.

To prepare, I sought the advice of the toughest man I knew, and one who happened to be Czech: a formidable septuagenarian and Holocaust survivor named Jan Wiener. By the time he was my age, Jan had attended the death of his father and escaped an Italian concentration camp; he'd been recaptured while hanging from the undercarriage of a train in northern Italy; eventually, he'd been liberated, and he'd joined the Czech resistance in London and flown bombers over Prague.

Jan lived in my hometown in western Massachusetts, where he

worked as a cross-country ski instructor and held local-legend status. Every October he went back to Prague to teach classes on modern Czech history at Charles University—I had sat in on one the previous year at his invitation.

I went to visit Jan one day deep in winter, when the narrow driveway that wove through the woods to his house was banked with snow. I slithered up in my Ford Festiva. Outside Jan's garage sat a sizable white husky, which greeted me with cool indifference. It looked like the kind of dog that came with a military option and against which my Festiva would provide about as much protection as the helicopter had for the pilot in *Jaws II*.

Jan met me at the open garage door. With piercing blue eyes, close-cropped white hair, and a ramrod carriage, his looks were a reflection of his no-nonsense character. Behind him, a heavy punching bag hung from a hook in the ceiling. I had no doubt that even in his seventies Jan would be able to beat the hell out of me.

We sat by the fire, and he made tea. We talked generally about Prague—the alleys of the Old Town, the hidden courtyards near the Bethlehem Chapel, the small, wooded island in the Vltava. I asked for, and he recounted, his personal stories of death, incarceration, escape, and eventual triumph. By the end, I felt energized enough to broach my own adventure. I said I'd been struggling since graduation, not sure what to do with myself. Now I'd settled on a mission: basketball in a foreign country—a future that held hardships, border crossings, the stuff that builds character.

The more I talked, the more childish and inconsequential my plan seemed. Jan was discussing life and death, and I was babbling about running off in my sneakers to play a game. My heart began to sink. Jan sipped his tea and said nothing. It was time for me to leave.

I was at the door, keys in hand, when Jan took me by the shoulder and fixed his blue eyes on me. "David," he said, flexing his fingers on my arm and nodding toward some difficult future.

"Don't back out."

I swallowed hard. There it was, I thought—a straight-up challenge from a Holocaust survivor. He got it. He got what I was talking about. Sure, it wasn't World War II, but there were trials to be endured. That kind of challenge, from that kind of man, didn't come along often.

"I won't," I said, and I meant it. We shook hands; Jan's grip was firm and steady. I thanked him and went out to the Festiva, nodding in solidarity at the husky. The Beastie Boys' *Licensed to Ill* was in the cassette deck, and I gunned the engine in time with the opening horns of "Brass Monkey," feeling like my life was really, finally, beginning to take shape. I checked the rearview mirror, hit the gas, and immediately skidded the tail end of the car up and over the low snow bank at the edge of Jan's garage and on to his pristine lawn.

When I got out to push on the fender, I saw Jan watching from his kitchen window. He looked concerned. I gave him the thumbs-up. Mission accepted.

Later that year, I moved to Prague and began my quest for a basketball team, looking and listening for signs of the game in the gyms, cafes, and alleyways. It was months before I figured out that when Jan had said, "Don't back out," he had not meant "of this formative life challenge." He had meant "of my driveway." ■

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The weight

By Dan Bellm '73

You must prepare to carry nothing
where you walk,

a God who cannot be seen,
a name you cannot speak—

therefore gather
the most precious of what you have,

and build me something heavy you can carry,
heavy as you want.

I will be weightless in it,

an idea, a promise,
among you, within you—

I will be unbearable. You can bear it.

Over and over you will pick it up
and set it down,

and as you wander
you will lose what you brought forth,

the ark will collapse in your hands,
the stones of the law will break.

Then you will carry me in your minds,
in your mouths—

unbearable as you want. You can bear it.

Terumah, Exodus 25:1–27:19

Dan Bellm's latest collection of poems, *Practice*, is subtitled, "A Book of Midrash," which he describes as "an ancient Jewish form of biblical interpretation . . . reimagining familiar stories, contemplating their strangeness, and telling the untold parts." Bellm notes that the words *kavod* (glory) and *kaved* (heavy) share the same root. "The Weight" is reprinted by permission of Sixteen Rivers Press © 2008 by Dan Bellm. The book may be purchased at a discount from the BC Bookstore via www.bc.edu/bcm.

THE LAST LECTURE

by Fr. Michael Himes

As if life depends on it

The following essay is taken from a so-called “last lecture” delivered by Fr. Himes on November 18, 2008, before an audience of roughly a thousand students, faculty, and staff, in the Yawkey Center’s Murray Room. It marks the first in an anticipated series named for the talk given by Carnegie Mellon University professor Randy Pausch in September 2007, after Pausch was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, from which he died in July 2008. (Speaking in Devlin 008 on April 6 at 8:00 p.m. will be BC historian Paul Breines.) The format encourages the speaker to discuss, in Himes’s words, “the issues that matter most and have been truest in life.”

A FAVORITE POET OF MINE, W.H. AUDEN, WROTE THAT “the first criterion of success in any human activity, the necessary preliminary, whether to scientific discovery or artistic vision, is intensity of attention, or, less pompously, love.” In other words, the necessary first step to understanding anything, knowing anyone or anything, is to love that person or thing. I don’t mean that you must have warm emotions or deep sentimental affection. I am referring to an activity. In order to really know anything, you have to give it your time and your energy. And what do you do when you begin to see a glimpse of the truth? The only thing you can do with it is to give it away. You have to teach. All of us are engaged in teaching. I’m involved in a very particular and wonderful form. But we are all teachers.

The teaching of theology, my chosen career, is first and foremost a matter of examining experience. It is not a matter of laying out doctrine—here it is, you accept it. For me, the teaching of theology involves relating what people for almost 20 centuries have found to be insightful and illuminating in the Christian tradition and asking students whether that history matches up with their experience. Do the ways in which people have lived and prayed, the ways they’ve entered into friendships, the way they’ve raised their children and shaped their society—do these experiences help you to understand your life? Teaching theology involves allowing experience to give new insight into the tradition and allowing the tradition to give coherence and intelligibility to our experiences.

My teaching assistants sometimes ask me what it takes to become a really good teacher. The answer has nothing to do with planning the lectures or setting the syllabus. You’ve got to fall in love with those whom you teach and with what you teach. At its heart, teaching is a conversation. I have always felt that my lectures—and my sermons—were experiences of conversation. You might argue it couldn’t be a conversation, as I did all the talking. In

fact, I only did all the verbalizing. You contribute a great deal to the conversation—by your mere presence, your body language, the expression on your face, those little nods when you agree with something, or those puzzled I-don’t-think-so looks. In that process

we both learn. Many times, I’ve heard myself giving a lecture and been astonished at what I found myself saying because I hadn’t expected to say that. Yet in the process of passing an idea on, I discover what I really think and believe. Teaching is a shared discovery.

If to learn anything you must give it away, how do you go about it? The first way you give to others what you learn is by allowing it to shape you. I’ve come to think that if there is one single virtue, it’s integrity. By integrity, I don’t simply mean honesty. I mean the word literally. It’s the quality of being an integer, an entity. It’s what happens at your wake when your spouse talks with your pastor, who talks with your business partner, who speaks with your next-door neighbor, who talks with your children, who speak with your doctor, and they all know that they knew the same person. You weren’t a series of masks worn for different relationships. You were complete.

It is in this process of giving yourself away—of teaching—that you will exist most fully and joyfully. Plato famously maintains that Socrates said the unreflective life is not worth living. William James remarked that, yes, that was perfectly true, but it was also true that the un-lived life wasn’t worth reflecting on. One has to enter into commitments and relationships in order to have anything worth reflection. You must live as if by giving yourself to others, you will not be able to run out of existence. I cannot prove any of this, but I am convinced that if you do so, you will discover an existence far richer and fuller than you ever dreamed. ■

Fr. Michael Himes is a professor of theology at Boston College. His talk, sponsored by the student organization Americans for Informed Democracy, may be viewed in full at <http://frontrow.bc.edu/>.



Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner

To be held on April 23, the annual Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner will bring together BC alumni, parents, and friends to raise money for the University's Presidential Scholars endowment. Joining in last year's festivities were (from left to right) Tribute Dinner co-chair Mario Gabelli, P'90, '94, '95, '00, Regina Pitaro, P'11, Kathleen Murphy, P'99, '09, and Wall Street Council co-chair John V. Murphy '71, P'99, '09.



John Ratiola

Market Resource

The **Boston College Wall Street Council** remains bullish on the opportunities it offers alumni, parents, and friends—now, more than ever. This fall's market perspectives panel, titled "Getting Worse or Getting Better? Market Perspectives in a Post-Election Environment," brought together leaders in the financial industry and Cleary Professor of Finance Edward J. Kane for a frank conversation on the current economic turmoil. The Council's new co-chairs, Kathleen A. Corbet '82 and John V. Murphy '71, plan to continue the market perspectives series throughout 2009. The January edition featured New York Giants President and CEO John K. Mara '76 and doubled as the kickoff to the 21st annual Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner, which will be held on Thursday, April 23. Since its inception, the dinner has raised more than \$13 million for BC's Presidential Scholars endowment. For more information and to purchase tickets to this event, visit WWW.BC.EDU/WSC.

Power of Prayer

In January, the Alumni Association's Office of Spirituality & Service launched **On Eagles' Wings**, an online prayer service that provides spiritual support in times of need. Each week, prayer requests submitted online will be brought to St. Mary's Chapel, where members of the Alumni Association staff will personally pray for each request. "We want our alumni to know that we continue to care about them and to remind them that prayer truly does make a difference," says Spirituality & Service Associate Director Dianne Duffin. "This is the special bond that connects us as alumni of a Jesuit, Catholic university." To submit a prayer, visit WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNIPRAYERS.

Lenten Tradition

Alumni are invited to attend BC's annual **Laetare Sunday Mass** on March 22. Fr. William Neenan will be the guest speaker at the alumni brunch to follow. To reserve your place, visit WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI/LAETARE.

Big Return

Reconnect: An AHANA Celebration will take place this July 17–19. The event promises to be the largest ever gathering of AHANA alumni and marks the 30th anniversary of the University's decision to recognize its diverse student body with the acronym. Among the weekend's featured events: a black-tie formal, a starlight boat cruise, an update on BC's campus expansion, live musical performances, and a campus carnival for all ages. Registration is open to all at WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI/RECONNECT.

Awarding Experience

The Alumni Association currently seeks nominations for the **2009 Alumni Awards**, which recognize BC graduates for their outstanding contributions to the University, to their profession, and to society. For more information or to nominate a graduate who exemplifies the abiding principle of "men and women for others," visit WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI/ALUMNI AWARDS. The Association additionally welcomes nomina-

tions for several positions on its board of directors for the term beginning June 1. Each director is appointed for three years and serves on one of the board's subcommittees. To receive further information or to submit a nomination, e-mail ALUMNI.COMMENTS@BC.EDU.

Helping Hands

April may have been the cruelest month for poet T.S. Eliot, but BC alumni can make the most of it by joining the 4th annual **Alumni National Day of Service** on Saturday, April 18. Last year more than 600 alumni from 15 chapters across the country participated in the volunteer event, which provides graduates with an opportunity to lend a helping hand in their local communities—often serving meals to the underprivileged or cleaning up local parks. Discover your chapter's plans at WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNICHAPTERS.

Spanish Step

The Alumni Association recently established a new alumni chapter in **Madrid, Spain**, under the leadership of Jennifer Aquino '95 and German Loperena, MBA'95. This is BC's third international alumni chapter and the first in continental Europe; chapters are already in place in London and Ireland. One of the Madrid Chapter's first events was a discussion with Bernardo

Hernandez, MS'95, worldwide director of marketing for Google Maps and Google Earth (read a profile of Hernandez on p. 28 of Class Notes). "We're keen to get alumni in Madrid and throughout Spain involved in the Chapter. We also hope to partner with BC through their study abroad programs here and to create relationships with visiting faculty and administrators," says Aquino, who is planning another Madrid Chapter event this spring. To find the alumni chapter nearest you, visit WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNICHAPTERS.

Red Cape Optional

BC's own Liz McCartney '94 was named the **2008 CNN Hero of the Year** for her work rebuilding homes for survivors of Hurricane Katrina in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. Her organization, the St. Bernard Project, has rebuilt 155 homes since 2006—with 34 more underway. She's received volunteer support from across the country, she says, but some of the most meaningful gestures have come from her alma mater. In January 2008, more than 40 alumni joined her for a weeklong Gulf Coast service trip sponsored by the Alumni Association. And this past fall, BC graduates nationwide voted online to help McCartney win the CNN honor from among 10 worthy award nominees.

Reunion 2009— Can We Count on You?

Join the more than 5,000 alumni expected to return to the Heights for Reunion 2009 on May 28–31. Enjoy class parties, an alumni Mass, and BC's annual lobster bake (right), among many other signature events. Better yet, serve on your Class Reunion Committee to make this year's gathering the best ever. For more information, visit www.bc.edu/reunion.



Matthew Hakola

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CLASS NOTES

1929-1932 1934, 1936, 1938

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Christopher J. Nugent '32, MS'33, recently celebrated his 98th birthday! He lives in Sarasota, FL, where he and his wife (who died in 1998) had resided since the early 1980s. His son Christopher recently visited him there and writes, "He lives in a wonderful retirement community and is well secured with home health care and nursing attendance. His mind is still as sharp as it was in our BC theology classes. A good game of anagrams can witness his mental capabilities. His legs need a walker or a chair, but he does not miss Friday vespers, where he sings tenor in the men's choir."

1933

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I had dinner recently with some of the residents at Brookhaven in Lexington where I live. One of those present was Yeng Tsai Feng, who is known here as "YT." Her last name is actually McNiff, and she is the widow of our late classmate, **Philip McNiff**! Both Phil and YT had very successful careers in library science: Phil became head of the Boston Public Library, and YT was associated with the Harvard Library system. It was through the Library Association that they met and married. One day when I was first here at Brookhaven, YT stopped me in the corridor and said, "**Bill Hogan**, we know each other from long ago," and recounted to me this story. Years ago, Phil and YT lived near Boston College and hosted small alumni meetings at their home that I attended. YT recently returned from a three-week visit to China, her native country. Small world, from 1933 to 2009! • To classmates and their families who may read this: Please send me any news you might have

about the families of our classmates. I would like to hear and share with you news of the generations that have followed the Class of 1933!

1935

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Bob Huddy, whose death was reported in the last issue, deserves more attention. He excelled in the hobby of pigeon racing: For example, in 1943 he took first and second place in a 600-mile race out of Pontiac, MI. Upon his passing at age 94 in June 2008, he was recognized in a half-page article in the "Obituaries" section of the *Boston Globe* on July 3. He also managed to handle his responsibilities as an insurance executive in excellent fashion. Bob was a classmate of whom we can be proud!

1937

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We are deeply saddened to report the death of our longtime correspondent, **Thomas E. Gaquin**, on September 27 at his home in West Roxbury. A Boston native and BC High alumnus, Tom received a bachelor's degree in French from Boston College. Seeking to put his language skills to use, he joined the FBI, where he trained in Spanish and served as a special agent in Latin America during World War II. He later worked for John Hancock Life Insurance in Boston for nearly 40 years. An avid golfer, Tom was also a great fan of BC sports, especially football and hockey. He leaves three daughters—Barbara Brandt of Norwood; Audrey Gaquin of Annapolis; and Helen Niedermeier of South Barrington, VT—as well as nine grandchildren, including BC alumni Kerry Niedermeier '97; Patrick Niedermeier '99, JD'08; and Kristin Brandt '01, and current student Erin Brandt '11. Tom's wife, Audrey

(Swendeman) MA'40, and his brother John F.X. Gaquin '39, JD'47, predeceased him. We are very grateful for Tom's many years of faithful reporting on the Class of 1937. He will be missed in these pages, and we extend our sympathy to his family.

1939



REUNION 2009

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Greetings once again! Unhappily we must start these class notes with another obituary: I have just learned of the recent death of our classmate **Wilfred O'Connell**. A life-long Norwood resident, Wilfred will be remembered in our prayers. Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends. • This sad news has to be balanced just a bit by the positive reality that some 35 or so '39ers are still hanging in there. These lucky classmates are survivors, survivors would you believe aged 90-plus? Since the column space is available, let's make an academic translation of this survival reality. You will remember (I hope) that during our 1935-1939 student days many (?) of the course grades we received were in the 90s, hard-earned, honor-roll grades that earned family praise. If we translate these academic number grades to our present-day age-conscious world, we are earning an A every day, a grade achieved by our survival, survival based on good luck; hard work; and the support of family, friends, and colleagues. We are, age-wise, an honor-roll class. OK! On that positive note let's be grateful, keep healthy, stay more or less active, and keep looking ahead to a still deferred but earned heavenly A+. Peace!

1940

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I received a note from Kathleen T. Costigan, whose husband, **Joe Costigan**, passed away

in 2000. I was lucky enough to sit with Joe and Kathleen on the shuttle bus at our 50th reunion. Your correspondent remembers conversations we had as student commuters at the switch near Mission Hill where Joe grew up. In my book, Joe was the Clint Eastwood of the class. He had the calm, thoughtful presence of a man slated for success. I wish I could have seen more of Joe. After the war, he went to New Jersey, where he sold trucks for the White Motor car company. Kathleen wrote that Joe's grandson Tim J. DeHaut '06 received his LL.M. with honors from Trinity College Dublin School of Law, where his studies were partially funded by BC's Maeve O'Reilly Finley Fellowship. Tim will graduate from the School of Law at the University of Pittsburgh in May. I welcome Tim to the brotherhood of attorneys.

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Having spent over a month in the hospital and several weeks at home with the Caritas group of nurses, physical therapists, and health aids, I am now rushing to send in

The BC Athletics Department has commissioned a life-size statue of Doug Flutie '85 in his Hail Mary pose from the Miami game.

my column out for the Winter issue. • Regretfully, the only news I have to report are the deaths of two classmates. We lost **Tom Curry** of Westborough, formerly of Needham, on November 17, 2008; and **Larry Babine** of Arlington on November 27,

2008. • **Jim Harvey** and **Ernie Santosuosso** always call to report such notices, lest I miss them, and I am most grateful. • I would be delighted to hear from classmates so that I could provide more news.



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It isn't quite winter yet, but the tomatoes have given up, the leaves have left the trees and are hugging the grass, and the squirrels are eating all the bird seed. It's probably the perfect day to put in those reflecting indicators so that the snowplow man doesn't miss the driveway and plow up the lawn. My involvement in all this activity is now supervisory, you understand. • The now traditional Fr. **Bill McInnis**, MA'51, luncheons continue, and at our last one on October 15 at the Campion Center in Weston, Fr. Bill hosted 12 of us. It was great to see **Dan Durant**, **Marty Coleman**, **Joe Gaudreau**, **John Cataldo**, Msgr. **Joe Alves** MSW'48, **Bob O'Leary** JD'49, **Don White** H'94, **Bob Foley**, **John Duggan**, **Joe Delaney**, and **Tino Spatola**. It was agreed that the Third Age of Life is not an unhappy one, but it is certainly different. For a few, golf was the number one sports activity. For others, minor household chores and grandchildren adoration finished second place. And for everyone, whatever can be done while sitting down was a strong third. Fr. Bill's next luncheon will be in April, the exact date to be determined. I will be in touch with those who were at the October luncheon. If you did not attend but might be able to join us next time, just let me know at kirbyjerry@aol.com or at 781-934-0229. • Unfortunately, I also have

he became a member of the BC Class of 1944. It's all so long ago, but I remember them as though it were yesterday. And now their leaving has changed the world again, and it is that much more barren.

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Paul Paget, MSW'49, **Lillian**, and I were very pleased to attend the 60-year celebration of our classmate **Vincent M. Burns**, SJ, MA'49, MA'52, as a Jesuit. • I am pleased to report that Fr. **Bill McInnes** '44, MA'51, is back at work and feeling much better. He was the celebrant at the Veterans Remembrance Mass in Gasson 100, which I attended with **Paul Paget** and **Dave Hern**. It was a great ceremony and an event you should try to make on Veterans Day, November 11, next year. • On the medical front, **Henry Jancsy** is recovering from colon surgery in Florida and is doing very well. • **Vin Catalogna** is still in the Veterans Hospital in Bedford, suffering from Alzheimer's disease. His wife, **Phyllis**, tells me that they have two great-grandchildren, a boy and a girl. • **Charlie McCready** is still taking many pills, but is feeling all right. • **Bill Cornyn** has joined the pacemaker group and is enjoying the sun in Florida. • Rev. **Leo J. Quinlan** passed away during 2008. He was a scholastic when we started at BC, and he was my homeroom teacher. • The BC Athletics Department has commissioned a life-size statue of **Doug Flutie** '85 in his Hail Mary pose from the Miami game. It will be outside Gate D permanently, so be sure to see it when you go to Alumni Stadium. • That's it for now. Stay healthy and happy, and let me hear from you!

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On October 24, the class held its annual Mass and luncheon. Attendees included **Bill Curley**, Eileen and **Alfred DeVito**, **Tim Buckley** MBA'62 and wife Suzanne Kearney, Ann and **Paul Lannon**, Fr. **John Flynn**, Eileen Nee and Patricia Shea, Mildred and **Bob Foy**, **Bill Melville** and daughter Christen Harvey '83, **Gene Nash**, and **Joseph T. Laffey**. We were pleased to have **Bill Noonan** with us as he is struggling with some health problems. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Kevin Kersten, who gave an excellent homily. He also gave each of us a gift, "Praying the Jesuit Examination of Conscience," and promised that if we were faithful to this daily practice, at the end of a year we would have experienced significant spiritual growth. • **Gene Blackwell** sent regrets for not being able to join our annual meeting, as he had a conflict with Grandparents Day at St. Bridget School in Manchester, where four of his five children attended. • Paul Lannon made the arrangements for the annual Mass and luncheon. The class was delighted with the event, and it was quite a pleasure after 60 years still to be able to get together and enjoy reminiscences. • **Bob Marshall**, JD'51, writes, "I am sad to report the sudden death of my lovely wife of 57 years on November 18, 2008. A BU grad (1951), she majored in art and had a long and very successful career in the ceramic hobby business. She was a great companion and will be sorely missed by me, our 5 children and 11 grandchildren. I plan to carry on as usual as long as I have my health, which fortunately is good. I plan to spend the winter at my condo in Surprise, AZ. I still do a lot of hiking and also hope to play some softball. I have many friends in the carpentry club and have crafted many nice things. I didn't make the Mass this fall, but I will make an extra effort to do so next year." Bob wishes all classmates a merry Christmas and good health! • Your amanuensis and wife Suzanne traveled to England and Italy in October to visit a nephew and grandson, both taking a semester in Europe. Our nephew from Stonehill College is in London, and our grandson from Middlebury College is in Florence. We also visited Lucca and Rome, where we had a delightful dinner with

Msgr. Francis Kelly, rector of the Casa Santa Maria, the graduate house of studies for priests studying in Rome. • Since this is my last issue as your correspondent, I wish to thank all of my classmates for their help and letters in preparing these notes.

1949



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I am writing these class notes on November 28, the day after Thanksgiving and about six weeks after our class's annual memorial Mass on October 9, attended by about 50 class members, widows, and friends. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. **Bill Burckhart** and Fr. **Paul McCarty**, STL'61, in T-100, and the music was lovingly provided again this year by Anne and the late **Arthur Ashur's** son and daughter Anita in memory of their father. The Mass was followed by a very nice luncheon also in T-100. Attending were **Mary Lyons Amsler** and guests Ed and Eleanor Lyons McCabe '58; **Hank Barry** M.Ed.'56; Nancy and **William Butler**; **John Cahill**; Gloria and **Joseph Chiccarelli** MA'51; Margaret and **Ernie Ciampa**; **Dick Devlin**; Margaret and **Sahag Dakesian** MS'51; our original class president, **John Driscoll**; **Jake Emmons**; Ann and **Al Hanwell** MSW'51; **Ed Kaunelis**; Mary Dowd and Mary Murphy; **Charlie McKenna**; Sally and **Jake Meany**; **Vinnie Nuccio**; **Tom O'Connor** MA'50, H'93; Paula and **Peter Rogerson**; **Tom Sweeny**; Pat and **Jack Waite** MA'51; and Louise (Mahoney) MA'56 and **Jim Whelton**. Several of our classmates sent their regrets, but joined us in spirit. They included Fr. **Charlie McCoy**, Dot and **John McQuillan**, Carol and **Donald McA'nulty**, **Joe Cotter**, **Bill Hogan** MSW'51, **Mary (Weidmann)** and **Ed Croke** M.Ed.'51, **John Forkin**, **Bill McAuliffe**, **Bill Cohan** MS'51, and **Bill McCool**. • On a pleasant note, we call your attention to BC's recognition of the contributions of **Bob Crane** with an award and the dedication of a small park that will bear his name at the entrance to the campus, adjacent to St. Ignatius Church. • Several classmates have volunteered to help us in the celebration of our 60th anniversary, May 28-31; we hope to be more specific concerning this great event soon. • Please send us news for this column.

1950

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Warren Lewis was the star player on the hockey team that won the championship in Denver in 1949, BC's first national championship. Warren, who has been highly successful on the West Coast, also owns a house on the Cape and spends all summer there. We know that the Cape Cod highways carry many vacationers each summer. The traffic to and from the Cape was particularly heavy in early August last summer, and we found out why: The Lewis home was the scene of a big party that lasted two weeks! Warren and Marge celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and also Warren's 80th birthday. To this party and from every corner of the country came all 10 of the Lewis children (several of whom attended BC), their spouses, and all 18 grandchildren. From the time the 10 children were babies, summertime was spelled Popponeset Beach. If that meant trekking halfway across the country in a very large Volkswagen van, so be it. The August party could have lasted all summer—it was that special. When the festivities finally wound down, Warren had just enough energy to pack his blades and make another seniors' face-off up in Quincy. • I received a nice letter from **Janet (Fahey) Coen**. Her twin grandsons are both settled in at colleges—Brad at mother Jill's school, Bentley, and Luke at UMass Dartmouth's school of engineering. Janet was planning to spend the winter at her home in Boca Raton, FL. • I am sad to report the passing of three classmates this past fall. **Daniel J. Walsh** of Needham, formerly of Concord, died on October 9, 2008. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a senior executive at Bank of New England and the founder and president of the New England Automated Clearing House in Boston. He leaves his wife, Ann (MacFarlane), and eight children. **Lawrence H. Sullivan**, formerly of Newport, RI; Poughkeepsie, NY; and Boston, died on October 29. Lawrence served in the Army during World War II and the Korean War. After retiring from IBM in 1983 as a corporate manager, he joined the faculty of Salve Regina College in Newport. He leaves three children. **Ralph C. Galeota** died on September 27. A World War II veteran, and a teacher and principal in the Boston Public Schools, Ralph leaves Marie, his wife of 55 years; two children; and two grandchildren.

NC 1950-53

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We have heard from one member of the "greatest" class: **Chic LaBonte White** NC'50 writes, "Marc and I just celebrated his 65th reunion at Harvard in June. His classmates, the greatest generation, are an amazing, interesting, opinionated, active group, and it was a successful, if exhausting, week. I am still in the Newton Book Club; we miss Sr. Elizabeth White, H'06, who is at Kenwood. I meet occasionally for lunch with **Helene Sweeney Doyle** NC'50, **Connie Ryan Eagan** NC'50, **Mary Lou Julian Natoli** NC'50, and **Norma Fallon Timmerman** NC'50. I also hear from **Jeanne Bradley** NC'50, **Margie Fuller** NC'50, and Sr. **Hilda Carey** NC'50. All are great. My family is well and the focus of our lives. Love to the Class of '50. A great group!" • Let's hear from the rest of you!

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Another honor has been conferred on some of the members of the Class of '52. On November 25, Boston College High School inducted the members of the 1948 basketball team into the BC High Athletic Hall of Fame. That team went 15-1 and emerged as Boston Conference champions. The team went on to the Tech Tourney and lost in the final to Belmont High. Among those on that memorable team were '52ers **Tom McElroy**, **Jack McElroy**, **J. Barry Driscoll** and his brother **Dick Driscoll**, the late **George Peirce**, **J. Paul Hickey**, and **Charlie Carroll**. Tom and Jack went on to play at BC under "General" McLellan. • **Frank Taylor** was also honored by BC High. At the same dinner honoring the athletes, Frank received the Man for Others Award for his remarkable achievements in volunteer work in the South Pacific. • Fr. **Hugh O'Regan** sends his sincere thanks to

members of the class who contributed so generously to the Right to Life Collection that was taken up at the memorial Mass. • Retired Lt. Col. **Bob Doherty** writes to say that he and his brother **Bill** are looking forward to the luncheon in Naples, FL, in March. • **Tom O'Keefe** of Scituate says he is looking forward to his 80th birthday. • **Charlie Daly** is living in Walpole. Retired judge **John Irwin**, JD'57, is living in Medford, where **Tom Hays** also resides. **Hugh Donaghue** has moved to Selbyville, DE. **Bill Colbert** is living in Chelmsford, and **Charlie Haney** resides in the great hockey town of Walpole. **Bob Barry** is my neighbor, living in Duxbury, the town next to mine. • Sadly I report the deaths of **Vin Raso**, **John Murray**, **John Miskell**, **Len Hardy**, and **Fran McNulty**. Remember them and their families in your prayers. • To end this column on a military note, Col. Jack McElroy, USMC (Tom's son), is now deputy commander of Marine Strike Force 2. My son Patrick, Navy SEAL, came home from Iraq in November and four weeks later was off to Afghanistan. Keep these guys in your prayers along with all military personnel.

1953

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Our annual memorial Mass was held on Saturday, October 11, 2008, in Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. **Bob McCarthy** did the first reading, and **Joe Tower** the second reading, assisting celebrant Fr. **Tom Fleming**. **Art Delaney** presented the prayers of the faithful. Special guests at Mass were the wives of two of our departed classmates: Virginia Cahill '54, wife of **John P. Cahill**, and Ann Dominick '54, wife of **Fred J. Dominick**. After Mass, a reception and dinner was held at Barat House, with 44 classmates and guests in attendance. Fr. Fleming led the blessing before dinner. Upon arrival from Mass the bar was open, and the traditional meal of seafood Newburg, roast beef, and all the fixings was available at the buffet table. Tasty chocolate desserts were placed on every table to complement the coffee that was served. Joe and Maureen Tower were spotted dining with Maureen and Bob McCarthy, who traveled with them from Scituate, as well as Mary and **Jim Willwerth** and Eleanor and **Sal Venezia**. Other diners included Joan and **Jack Keating**, Betty and

Bob Sullivan M.Ed.'60, Nancy Duggan, Muriel and Art Delaney, Gerry and **John McCauley**, Carole and **Richard Scalise** JD'57, **John Norton**, Fr. Fleming, Joan and **Maurice Hart**, Rosemary and **Gene Sullivan**, Marie and **Matt Flaherty**, Jeane and **Ed DeLuca**, Barbara and **Austin Smith**, Pat and **Joe Carroll** MBA'61, and **Dick Curran** and Judith Golden. Constance and **Joe DeSimone** and **Fred Good**, MBA'62, were spotted mixing with the crowd. Other classmates and guests seen enjoying themselves were Mary and **Bob Willis**, Priscilla and **Dennis Cronin**, and Jean and **Paul Murray**. President **Paul Coughlin** and Maryanne and **Phil Kerrivan** were not able to attend. After dinner and before dessert Vice President Bob Willis addressed the group, explained President Paul's absence, and introduced Gerry McCauley, who entertained the group with some new material. • I am sorry to report the death of our classmate Gene Sullivan. Gene and Rosemary were active members of our class and attended almost all of our meetings, including the last memorial Mass. • The West Haven High School Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee has chosen Joe Carroll as a member of its 2008 induction group. • To get the full story of these and other class activities, go to www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. To log in use your BC ID, which is printed above your name on the *Boston College Magazine* label.

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Several classmates participated in a memorial Mass for **John Turco**. Fran and their children came east to be with John's family of birth and many of his friends from his hometown of Franklin. It was good to hear how fondly John was remembered by so many people. • Also, in October we celebrated our annual memorial Mass at the chapel on the Newton Campus. Attending were Mary Jean and **Jim Coughlin**, **Ed Smith**, Mary and **Murray Regan**, Pat and **Bob King**, Verna and **Tom Lane**, **Bill McCarthy** JD'60, Aurora and **Jack Leydon**, and Caroline Donovan and Eleanor Donovan Palma M.Ed.'64, the widow and the sister, respectively, of **Bob Donovan** MBA'71. Also present were **Bob O'Brien**, Clare M.Ed.'73 and **Frank McLaughlin** MA'57 (Frank is still teaching at BC), **Joe Skerry**, and Susan '56 and Bill

Sullivan with Peg Kelley, widow of **Jim Kelley** JD'57. Peg told me that the fourth generation of Kelleys is now at BC. Also attending were Marge '58 and **Pete Vasaturo**, Pat and **Dick Hughes** JD'60, Kathy and **Peter Nobile**, Martha (Leonard) M.Ed.'60 and **Ed Trask**, **Ed Collins**, Jane and **John Ford** MSW'61, and Lori and **Lou Totino** MBA'65. (Lou does all the work to make this affair a success each year.) Of special significance was the participation of 12 family members and friends of our late classmate **Jim Kilgallon**, MA'55, including Jim's widow, Josephine. Expected but unable to come at the last minute were Lorraine and **Tom Cosgrove**, Jody and **Frank Bonarrigo**, "Connecticut" **Tom Lane**, **Ted Breau**, Linda and **Dave Pierre**, Betty and **Tom Warren**, and **Jim Callahan**. In what has become a ritual at this event, we took up a collection for the mission work of our classmate Fr. **John Wallace**; passing the hat netted \$525, which will be matched from our treasury. Fr. John is a member of the Sons of Mary Missionary Society. • **Paul Lamana** writes to say that his grandson Anthony is joining the Class of 2012. Anthony becomes the third generation of Lamanas to attend BC following his granddad and his father, who was in the Class of '94. Can anyone from the Class of '94 have a son at BC? Blows the mind, doesn't it? • I saw **Charley Pelczarski** recently. Charley is still putting out lobster pots on Cape Cod. • **Betty Shea**, MS'59, writes, "A group of us

event a few days ago. As you know, nearly one-third of the \$1.5 billion that BC seeks to raise is in the bank or pledged. These kids now attending BC really need the financial assistance that this money will provide. So when you are asked to give, pony up.



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I hope winter is being kind to all. • From Paradise Valley, AZ, **Ginny Yawman Dayton** tells of celebrating her 75th birthday with her family on an Alaskan cruise from Vancouver to Anchorage. She notes that "it was a celebratory success" for all. Ginny has been involved with the Phoenix Children's Hospital and the Arizona Theatre Company for more than 20 years. She has served on both operating boards and is an emeritus board member of the Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation. January found her vacationing in New Zealand and Australia. • In September, **Patsy Murray** moved to Torrance, CA, with her niece. Patsy and I e-mailed frequently during the major-league baseball playoffs. We were cheering our teams on—I'm for the Cubs; Patsy, the Red Sox. Unfortunately, we both have to wait

Joy Becker, **Maureen Cohalan Curry**, and **Mary Magdalen**, OSC. No particular updates, but it was good to hear from them. • The Dalys' trip to London to visit their daughter was most enjoyable, as was the side trip to Paris and Mont-Saint-Michel. • Thank you to those who contributed information for this column, and please keep the e-mails and notes coming.

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Congratulations to **Jerry Pine**, M.Ed.'57! His 11th book, *Teacher Action Research: Building Knowledge Democracies*, was published in October by Sage Publications. Jerry retired last June after a 52-year career in education and is now professor emeritus of education in BC's Lynch School of Education. • **Doris Frediani** MS'60, **Janet Leahy Shanly**, **Barbara Kraus May**, and **Jean O'Neil** MS'63 enjoyed a minireunion lunch on Cape Cod in October. In November, Jean journeyed to Florida, where she enjoyed the 85-degree weather. Her purpose for being there was to serve as a forum coleader at the NANDA-I conference, "Capturing the Expert Knowledge of Nursing." • **John Vozzella** sent word that his daughter Cheryl Keller, son-in-law Jim, and their two children will spend the next six months in Peru. They will be doing pro bono work in investment banking as part of a group from their church in Rye, NY. The purpose of the program is to loan money to indigenous people so that they can start their own businesses. Amazingly in this day and age, the loans are given on the honor system! • Nick and **Pat Lavoie Grugnale**, Jean O'Neil, and Pat Leclair Mitchell NC'55 joined yours truly at the Annual Veterans Mass and Remembrance Ceremony on November 11. I also had a chance to say hello to Carolyn (Kenney) '56 and **Dan Foley**. The site has been selected and plans are moving forward for the veterans memorial. Contributions can still be sent to the Boston College Veterans Memorial, Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220. • According to the BC Nursing publication *Voice*, **Lynn Strovink-Daukas** is a nurse investigator with Adult Family Services for the state of Washington. She has resumed flying after several years and belongs to the RFTS Flying Club. • As you read this column, Laetare Sunday will be approaching. I hope to "BCing" you at the Mass and the brunch that follows. • Please keep sending news.

Congratulations to Jerry Pine '55, M.Ed.'57! His 11th book, *Teacher Action Research: Building Knowledge Democracies*, was published in October.

from the Class of 1954 of the School of Nursing met for lunch last week at the BC Downtown Club. We have been meeting every six months for the past few years. This time the group included **Maureen Conway Ford**, **Joan Mulligan Nickell**, **Liz Barron Tierney**, **Joan Curtin Tyrrell**, **Mary Healy Nackley**, **Ann Tierney** MS'59, **Andrea Lane Demars** MS'85, **Ann Lee Mitchell Vachon**, **Marion White Kiernan**, and **Betty Brennan Shea** MS'59. Marion travels from New Jersey, Liz from Vermont, and Joan Nickell from New Hampshire." Hey, guys, if the girls can come from afar, you can too. • Our 55th reunion will take place from May 28 to May 31. There will be more about this event soon, but save the dates. • Lou and Lori Totino, **Paul McGee**, and I attended a reunion class kickoff

until next year. She enjoys reading the articles in *C21 Resources*. One article was on the study of women in the early church, and her faith-sharing group was focusing on the role of women in the church. Patsy spent two weeks in Boston over Thanksgiving and was happy to be back in New England. • **Mary Evans Bapst** e-mailed from Geneva, Switzerland, that she is very busy and sent a "thumbnail sketch" of her present activities: houseguests, parish councils, representations to the vicariate, Cursillo responsibilities, condo committee, Christmas preparations involving far-flung families, and occasional translation work. Mary says she is "holding up physically, and hopefully mentally" and reminds us "Caritas Christi urget nos." • I had phone and e-mail contacts with **Lucille**

NC 1955

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In September, I called **Lee McGrady Burne** on Nantucket, where she lives year-round. She keeps active with a few projects such as renovating the public library and explaining the history of Nantucket to anyone who shows interest. She knows Nantucket well as she spent many summers there as a child. Lee visits our classmate **Mary Laird Flanagan** as well as **Helen Sperry Mannix NC'54**, both of whom spend summers on Nantucket. • Unfortunately there is an error in the NC'55 class notes for the Fall Issue: The last sentence, along with the two preceding sentences should read: A special treat has been to visit our granddaughter, **Marissa Hone '11**, daughter of **Frank '80**, the first member of the third Hone generation to attend BC. **Marissa** loved her first year at Boston College, living on the Newton Campus and enjoying many new experiences and opportunities. She is looking forward to having her cousin **Caroline Hone**, the oldest daughter of **Allison '85** and **Andrew Hone '84**, begin her first year of high school at Newton Country Day School. • Again, please send me any news of yourself and your family, preferably by e-mail.

1956

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At **Charlie Laverty's** September reception honoring **Carolyn Ann Kenney Foley** and our 50th reunion committees, **Jack Leonard** read his poem "The Places You've Been" (giving due credit to Dr. Seuss). Athletic Director **Gene DeFilippo** spoke about BC athletics. **Marie, MS'55**, and I spoke with **Mary** and **Norm Roy** and also with **Doris** and **John Mahaney, MBA'65**, back from an Eastern Europe cruise and about to celebrate their 50th. **Bea '62** and **Peter Colleary's** daughter **Maura** is associate director of administration at BC's School of Theology & Ministry. **Betty Casey's** husband, **Ed Cox**, and I sang the old BC fight song, "Sweep Down the Field for Boston." Our golf event the next day drew 14, with 30 attending the dinner. • When **Carolyn Kenney Foley** had

her drawing for BC mementos, many winners gave theirs to **Carol Hines Gleason** for her daughter-in-law who teaches in California. The school's College Spirit Day featured the ACC this year, and her class drew BC, so everyone pitched in, and **John Mahaney** and **Connie Regolino, M.Ed.'61**, paid for shipping boxes of supplies. Carol later went to Rome to celebrate her grandson's high-school graduation. • **Tom Sheehan** sent a quick note on the publication of his new book, *Brief Cases, Short Spans*, with a cover from a painting of the Burnside Bridge at Antietam by **Jeff Fioravanti**. Information is available at www.press53.com/BioTomSheehan.html. • **Margie Murphy** played in the Cape Cod BC Club's golf tournament and met a member of the Class of 1938. • **Fr. William McInnes**

The class annual fall event of September 27, 2008, with BC vs. the University of Rhode Island at the Heights was a rousing success. The postgame events at Gasson included a Mass celebrated by **Frs. Tom Ahearn, Gerry Kelly**, and **Gene Sullivan D.Ed.'81**, followed by a social hour in the Rotunda and a sit-down gourmet dinner. This day will be fondly remembered by the following Golden Eagles and guests: **Fr. Ahearn, Bruno Bagnaschi, Joe Burke, Norma (DeFeo) Cacciamani, Jim Cantwell, Don Connors, Mary Cochran, Bill Cunningham, Jim Daly, Paul Daly, Jim Devlin, Jim DiMare, Jim Doherty, Jim Doyle, Paul Duseau, Rita (McGrath) and Dom Emello, Charles Fox, George Hennessy, Eleanor and Mary Lou Hogan M.Ed.'61, Bill Jones, John Kelliher MBA'71, Fr. Kelly, Peg Kenney**

John L. Harrington '57, MBA'66, received the Allan H. "Bud" Selig Executive Leadership Award for his work in baseball scouting.

'44, **MA'51**, is recovering nicely from his illness. At this writing, he was staying at Campion Hall in Weston, carrying a cane "in case he needed it," and going to BC football games. The class committee voted to give him a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. • **Carolyn Kenney Foley's** husband, **Dan '55**, has been doing well on new medication. **Carolyn's** sister met our classmate **John Miller** on a Bermuda cruise. • **Janet DiLeo '83** e-mailed me that **William Henry Casey Jr.** of Greenville, SC, died in September. Besides his wife, **Jean**, he leaves a son, two daughters, and a brother. Another son died in 1994. • Please pray for classmates and their families who have suffered illnesses, deaths, and especially, economic problems. • Thanks to all who sent news! Read more in BC's online community class notes at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html.

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class dues of \$25 should be remitted to Bill Tobin, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746.
• Best wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

NC 1957

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Since the Fall issue of *Boston College Magazine*, a few news items have reached us. • **Ellie Pope Clem** writes that their son Joe, a Navy psychiatrist, has been deployed a second time for service in Iraq and serves with a Marine battalion. Our prayers are with him and for his safe return. His children in Virginia will see much of their grandparents during his absence. Ellie also tells us that after **Annie Marshall Mahoney's** husband died, Annie returned to Illinois to live. Sadly, her daughter's husband died only a few weeks later. Now, they both live in Illinois, where her daughter's son George goes to an excellent school for special-needs children. Annie is doing a fine job of helping her grandchild get off to school and being there in the afternoon while his mother, Morgan, is still at work. • In September, Paul, JD'66, and **Cathy Connolly Beatty** visited Tim and **Connie Hanley Smith** in Waccabuc en route to see their daughters Sarah and Elizabeth and their families in New York. • **Liz Doyle Eckl** writes that she and Chris had a spectacular trip to Alaska, sponsored by the Notre Dame travel group, in August. (No, they didn't see Sarah Palin. Yes, they did see "the bridge to nowhere." Liz relates that it really is exactly that.) Liz, along with many of us, also sends greetings to **Mary Ann Morley Bernhard**. • **Connie Weldon LeMaitre** is very proud of her husband's recent accolade: George LeMaitre '55 was among 30 practitioners with Excellence in Best Practices in Medicine mentioned in the *Massachusetts Medical Law Report* in October. He is the founder of LeMaitre Vascular, Inc., an international company, now public. Since Connie is an officer of the company, our humble Newton Class of '57 has "gone global"! • Happy new year, everyone, and please keep us up to date!

1958

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The jazz brunch on November 9 was a huge success and a fitting finish to the 17-month celebration of our 50th anniversary. The Nursing School was represented by 10 classmates: **Carol (Brady) Vigliano**, **Elizabeth (Cook) Di Milla**, **Barbara (Cuneo) O'Connell**, **Moir (Feeley) Lyons**, **Kathleen (McDonnell) Miller**, **Patricia (McGuire) Taupier**, **Mary (McMahon) O'Toole**, **Eileen (Teahan) Quigley**, **Kathleen (Whalen) Kenny**, and **Patricia (Brine) O'Riordan**. Yearbooks were distributed at the brunch; if you paid for a yearbook but did not receive one, please contact the Alumni Association at 617-552-4700 or e-mail alumni.comments@bc.edu. The yearbook staff thanks all those who contributed to make our 2008 Golden Eagles yearbook a success. • **Barbara and Dick Nolan** announced the birth of their third great-grandchild in Limerick, Ireland. They are planning a cruise in the Mediterranean in the spring. Dick continues his volunteer work at Jordan Hospital in Plymouth and gets on the road cycling at every opportunity. • **Francis Lydon** reported that he and wife Mary traveled over 6,000 miles from Waikiki, HI, to attend our reunion. They really enjoyed touching base with the **Molls**, the **Rooneys**, the **Hartigans**, and the **Sheas**—old buddies from way back. • **Paul Hutter** reports that he had a great time at the reunion, and he is back playing golf now that his hip has been repaired. • As a part of our class's 50th anniversary gift, **Dick McArdle** and his wife have established the Richard and Lois McArdle Fund for Accounting Excellence at Boston College. • **Paul Lucy** has been living in Kittery Point, ME, for the past 16 years after stints in Connecticut, Indiana, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Paul still owns a Sir Speedy franchise, a printing and graphic design company that he purchased "on retirement" in 1993. • Condolences of the class go out to the families of the following classmates who recently passed away: **Harutune Mikaelian** of Aleppo, Syria; **Walter Davis** of Marshfield; and **Richard O'Meara** of Milton. • When reporting the death of **Victor Monette** in the last issue, I did not realize that he was Victor E. Monette, CSC, who had served his Catholic ministry since 1960. Over the years, he had been a teacher at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CT; a treasurer in the finance offices of Pius XII Agency in Chester, NY; a teacher and director of the Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy; and a student financial advisor at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX. Bro. Victor was the roommate of **John Ahern** at BC. • Please send your \$25 class dues to **Jack McDevitt** at 28 Cedar Road, Medford, MA 02155.

NC 1958

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Summer and early fall 2008 saw several of our classmates traveling abroad. Dave and **Patty Peck Schorr** accompanied Archbishop Edwin O'Brien of Baltimore on a nine-day pilgrimage to Rome in June. **Kate Glutting Arcand**, **Beth Duffy Legare**, **Mary Keating McKell**, and **Mary Azzara Archdeacon** visited Princeton, NJ, to celebrate Patty and Dave's 50th wedding anniversary. "A summer of renewal, beginning with our 50th," Patty wrote. • In September, Rome was also the destination of **MJ Eagan English**, M.Ed.'59, to see her sister-in-law and her husband. She visited Castel Gondolfo and saw Pope Benedict. MJ wrote, "Wonderful—the whole papal audience and beforehand, people sitting in the town square waiting for 'the moment' to begin." Downtown Rome at night added excitement, and an evening at the Austrian embassy included a concert. • **Sue Fay Ryan** was in Guatemala last summer for four weeks of intensive Spanish language study. • **Judy Young Runnette**, **Jane Dick O'Kieffe**, and **Judy Goodnow Prus** spent several days in midsummer in Darien, CT, with **Helen McLachlan Smith**. Later in the summer, Judy R. and Helen visited with Jane in Chevy Chase, MD, where they were joined by George and **Mary Cahill Leyland**. • In Washington DC, **Leonor Salcedo Barreto** recently sustained a broken femur; she hoped to be fully recovered by early December. She was visited by the summer travelers—Jane, Judy R., and Helen—when they were touring the capital. • **Evelyn Chiao Yuan** visits San Francisco often to see her son, daughter, and two granddaughters. • In October, **Jo Englert Wieczynski** and her husband traveled to Mexico and visited Copper Canyon. Their sons, Alan coming from Wales and Daniel from Atlanta, were expected to join them at home in Florida two weeks later. • **Carol Healey Hanley** now has three generations of BC grads in her family. Her granddaughter Gretchen is a freshman. Beth Duffy Legare's granddaughter Elizabeth Susan Legare '91 is also an alumna and lived in Hardey. • **Eileen Mullin** writes: "What a pleasure it was to work on the BC 50th Yearbook Committee. The welcome I received from the other committee members, the BCAA staff, and during reunion weekend, the University administration was heartfelt and warm. It was a tribute to Newton more

than to me." • To Ed and **Julie Saver Reusch**, our prayers and condolences on the death of your son-in-law. • Please keep in touch. We all enjoy reading your news!

1959



REUNION 2009

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Francis P. MacMillan is a gastroenterologist in the Haverhill, Lawrence, and Andover area. He and wife Nancy Mirabello-MacMillan '62 have five children; son Francis Jr. '87, MS'93, is also a gastroenterologist. • **Jack Madden**, JD'62, and **Peter McLaughlin** have been appointed to St. Columbkille Partnership School's board of trustees. Peter is chair of the board, and Jack heads up the Long Range Planning Committee. St. Columbkille is a unique alliance formed in 2006 by Boston College, the Archdiocese of Boston, and the St. Columbkille parish to revitalize Catholic education in the Allston/Brighton area and to develop a new and replicable model for Catholic elementary school education in the United States. • We send condolences to the family of **Richard C. Allsup** of Harrisburg, PA, who passed away in July 2008. • The 50th Reunion Committee under chair Peter McLaughlin continues to plan for the remaining events of this reunion year. Peter encourages additional classmates to join our Reunion Committee, which is already 52 strong. • More than 70 attended the BC-Clemson game and the pregame reception at the former cardinal's residence, and attendance at the Christmas Chorale was over 100 classmates and their guests. Classmates (among many more) attending one or both of these events were **Neil Brady** MBA'71; **Ed Fitzgibbon**; **Bob Quinn**; **Joan (Breslin)** '61, MA'66 and **Leo Schofield**; **Mary Kearns** MA'62; **Katherine (Vierra) McGuinness**; **Arthur Whalen**; **Beverly (Hubert)** and **Dan Joyce**; **Carolyn Shea O'Neil** MA'65; **Brenda** and **John Sullivan**; **Nancy Neville** MA'61; **Lorraine Bonvouloir Blais**; **Mary and Tom Kenney**; **Paul King**; **Jon and Elizabeth Foley**; **Kevin and Catherine McGuinness McNiff**; **Maryann and Ralph DeSimone**; **Joan and Jack Donahoe**; **Mary Jo O'Brien**; **Mary Miller Murphy** M.Ed.'60; **Mary and Dan Hanley**; **Jane MSW'86** and **Bill Parks**; **Eleanor Sullivan McLaughlin**; **Bob Richards**; and **Patricia O'Neil Foley** MS'64, Ph.D.'71. • The Events Committee, chaired by **Bill Sherman**, has many exciting events scheduled leading

up to Reunion Weekend, May 28–31. These include Laetare Sunday Mass at St. Ignatius Church on March 22; the Alumni Evening at the Arts Festival on April 25; and BC Family Night at the Pops on May 15. The 50th-year reunion class will also participate in Commencement on May 18. • The Yearbook Committee under chair **Beth Grady**, MS'64, is preparing a 50th anniversary yearbook that will record the events of the reunion year. • The Gift Committee, chaired by **Marty Redington**, is encouraging all of us to contribute to our class gift. Boston College has never been better than it is now, and the future has never been brighter. BC has been true to its roots and committed to our Jesuit, Catholic heritage. We can and should be proud. Help us achieve our participation goal of 59 percent (how appropriate). • Don't forget to send your class dues of \$50 to help with reunion year expenses to Alumni House, 825 Centre St., Newton, MA 02458. • Also, please try to send me any news of yourself or any other members of the class that could be shared in these class notes.

NC 1959



REUNION 2009

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On June 1, 1959, we could hardly envision our 50th reunion from Newton College of the Sacred Heart. How quickly five decades have passed! • Please mark your calendars with the dates of Reunion Weekend, May 28–31. (Note that the festivities begin on Thursday, May 28.) It will be a gala four days of reminiscing and renewing old friendships! Many activities have been planned, beginning with a welcome dinner on May 28. On Friday, there will be an investiture ceremony, during which we will receive Golden Jubilee pins and a class photo will be taken. Later in the day, a dinner (possibly a lobster bake) will follow. During the day on Saturday a variety of lectures and other activities will take place. (The film on women at BC is highly recommended.) Our class dinner at Barat House will be on Saturday evening, and a Mass followed by brunch will conclude the reunion on Sunday. All reunion activities will be held on BC's main campus with the exception of our Saturday evening dinner and Sunday Mass and brunch. Make plans to join us for this gala weekend. Our reunion will not be the same without you!

1960

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Bob Winston has achieved the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association: On November 7, 2008, he received the William V. McKenney Award, given to an individual whose service to a profession, a community, or Boston College is truly remarkable. Bob is active with the UCLA Medical Fund, and Childrens Hospital Los Angeles also claims him as a fundraiser and financial advisor. • **Tony Abraham** writes that he retired in 2003. He and his wife are enjoying golf, skiing, and sunning in Florida, and they still have tickets for the football season. Their two children are married and live nearby. • **Gael and Tim Daly**, JD'64, reside in Miami Lakes, FL, and summer in Scituate. When driving to Florida, Tim stopped to see **Jack Armstrong** at his residence in Kure Beach, NC, which truly has one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Jack retired from the San Francisco Futures Exchange. • **Marty Dockery** lives in Saigon and teaches at the university there. He was stationed in Vietnam while in the service and had a scary existence as an advisor to a group of Vietnamese soldiers. When he returned to the United States, he worked in New York City in the financial area; then, during a visit to Vietnam, he decided to live there, as he felt that was home. • **Jim Sullivan** is retired and lives in Charlestown, RI. We all remember Jimmy as the little scatback for BC; Jim says football coach Mike Holovak was a special man to all the players, and they owe him a great deal of gratitude. Jim talked to Mike a week before he died and says he was not only a good coach but also a true friend. • **Ruth Wright Kee** relates that her four children are all living on the East Coast. She had knee replacement surgery a year ago and is now pain-free. She and her husband reside in West Dennis in the summer. • **Tony Penna** plans to retire this July. He has spent his career at Carnegie Mellon and Northeastern, where he was a professor, administrator, institute director, dean, and provost. His book *Nature's Bounty: Historical and Modern Environmental Perspectives* appeared in 1999 (M.E. Sharpe), and he is currently working with an earth scientist colleague on a history of natural disasters. Tony's wife, Channing, an artist, recently exhibited her drawings at the Boston Public Library. • **Al Sweenie** is still working as an accountant—and holding BC

season tickets. He now has six grandchildren.

• Owing to space limitations, if your name is not included here, it will appear in the Spring issue. Please keep sending me news about yourselves—it is much appreciated!

NC 1960

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In early September, Sally O'Connell Healy hosted a mini class reunion at her home in Rhode Island. It was a wonderful afternoon, enjoyed by all. Sally's delicious lunch was followed by a cake with the colorful Newton emblem and these words: "The Class of 1960 is turning 70"! Present were Michaelene Martin Barrett, Carol Johnson Cardinal, Ann Blunt Condon, Jeanne Hanrihan Connolly, Berenice Hackett Davis, Pat McCarthy Dorsey, Elaine Holland Early, Mary-Anne Hehir Helms, Blanche Hunnewell, Brenda Koehler Laundry, Mickey Mahon MacMillan, Loretta Maguire, Lita Capobianco Mainelli, Carole Ward McNamara, Ferna Ronci Rourke, and Marie McCabe Stebbins. • Lita recently e-mailed: "Leo and I took a 17-day trip to South Africa with a group of 22 people. We visited Johannesburg, Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls, Cape Town, and Durban (KwaZulu-Natal). We went on several game drives in Chobe National Park and Kruger National Park, where we saw all the animals except the leopard. Our trip included a visit to a primary school in Zimbabwe, and we brought some supplies and goodies. We saw the Robben Island Prison where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years. I volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul, interviewing clients and helping them with utilities and rent payments. We have eight grandchildren and are lucky to see most of them frequently. Our daughter Andy, with her husband and Christian (1), will join us for the holidays." • Carol Cardinal wrote: "I retired from my position as director of human resources at American International College in Springfield on July 31, 2008. John also retired this fall (again!) from his position as an adjunct professor at two local colleges. We are enjoying our 'joint retirement' and spent two wonderful weeks on Nantucket in September with our children and grandchildren to celebrate the beginning of our retirement years." • Ann Condon, who also joined us at Sally's, wrote: "My company, The Joy of Success LLC, is doing a staff

training and development piece at the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce in December around 'creating team.' It's a role-play, including cops and robbers and great props, taking place at the beautiful Chatham Bars Inn. I'm writing a book, 'Transforming Your Business: Soft Skills for Women.' It's my project in my women's mentoring group, here on the Cape. My daughter Pam '87 and her husband, Bill, live in Lexington and love it." • Remember, e-mail me your news!

1961

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Our sympathy and prayers go to the family of Pat Spinosa, who passed away in Wakefield on September 25. Pat spent 34 years teaching in the Bedford school system and retired in 2002. On a personal note, all five of our children had Pat as a teacher, and all agree that he was one of the very best they ever had. Imagine all the children's lives on which Pat had a positive effect—what a wonderful legacy! • Jim Conway has retired from his urology practice in Manchester, NH, and he and wife Ruth are currently traveling around the world, literally. Stops along the way to see three of their six children will be in California, Alaska, and Japan. They will also stop in Vietnam, where Jim (a doctor) and Ruth (a nurse) first met while they were both serving at a U.S. Army hospital during the war. • Congratulations to Tom Hynes, who was the recipient of the Dr. Arthur Pappas Award from the Massachusetts Hospital School. Tom's son Tod is on the faculty of MIT's Entrepreneurship Center. He is an environmental expert and is also involved in several entrepreneurial activities. • Nancy Joyce, wife of Jack Joyce, MBA'70, gave a tour of the McMullen Museum to members of our class in November, which was well received and very interesting. • I heard from Marty Nolan in San Francisco. He has not seen any classmates recently but reports seeing plenty of maroon-and-gold gear on Polk Street when one of the local bars telecasts a BC game. Marty, during his prolific newspaper career, saw and interviewed several presidents. Now he is more than impressed with our president-elect. Marty's wife, Liz, worked on Barak Obama's campaign in several states. We can remember when Marty was responsible

for bringing former President Harry Truman to a full house at the new Roberts Center back in 1959. Not that long ago. • Best wishes to all our classmates in 2009—only two years until our 50th! • Keep in touch.

NC 1961

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Congratulations to Paul McNamara, JD'65, a partner at Masterman, Culbert & Tully, on being named one of the top 100 Irish-American lawyers in America by *Irish America* magazine (October/November 2008). Neal Tully '70, JD'73, one of the firm's founders, was also selected. • Mike Farrington reported that his Milton High School class celebrated its 50th reunion on Columbus Day weekend. In attendance from our class were Joyce Francis, Janet Meehan, John Celi, Bill Downey, Kevin Leary, Richard Murphy, and Robert Treanor. • Jack Murray MBA'70, Jimmy Hoolley MSW'64, and Mike Mallowney met for dinner during the summer. Mike still attends BC hockey games regularly with his grandsons. Jim is semiretired in Duxbury, after a very active career leading Neighborhood Health Plan. Jack reports that the BC High reunion was outstanding and included a number of our classmates. They were honored at the graduation ceremony and "made to feel like stars. Bill Kemeza, president of BC High, gave a talk highlighting the major events our class excelled in during our stay at the school, and we received a standing ovation from the current graduates plus diplomas. Dan Harrington, MA'65, Jesuit scholar, BC High and Boston College classmate, celebrated a special Mass and homily for our class prior to the anniversary dinner at the Loyola Chapel at the high school." • Jack Sheehan, the only four-star general in the history of BC, was the guest speaker at the Veterans Remembrance Mass and Ceremony held in Gasson Hall on November 11. He, wife Peg '69, and grandson McKay came from their home in Arlington, VA. Jack spoke of our

Jesuit education, of giving back, and of the ultimate sacrifice made by so many men and women in the service. **Frank Faggiano** and **Mike Mulowney** attended. • Our condolences and prayers go out to the families of those classmates whom we recently lost: **Mary Thacker Mulcare** of Los Angeles and **John F. Sullivan** of Wilbraham.

NC 1962

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Most of you should have received the notice I sent about the death of Elizabeth Sweeney, RSCJ, on November 26, 2008. We remember Sr. Sweeney best in her role as treasurer of Newton College, a position she held from 1947 until 1963. She touched countless lives in her years of service as did so many of the RSCJs we knew, and for that we are grateful. I received a few responses as a result of that e-mail, but also many e-mails bounced back. Please send me any change of contact information so we can keep our class list up to date. • **Joanne Meehan Berghold** writes that she is in the process of moving from New Mexico to Montana. • **Mary Corbett, Grace Kane Kelly, Jack and Mary Martha Llewellyn**, and I descended on **Barbara Jones** for a few days in November and had a great time. We had a wonderful evening with Mary Sue Flanagan NC'61 and on another night had dinner with Joe and **Toni Lilly Roddy**. Toni regaled us with tales of her trip with **Ginger Wurzer O'Neal** to Greece and Turkey. • **VV Martin** wrote that she continues to sing at various events, most recently at a political meeting and benefit. She still works about 30 hours a week and always has her bags packed for all the traveling she does. This past year she took a cruise to Scandinavia and Russia, and in the summer she went to Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Berlin for a Zonta International meeting and a vacation. She writes: "Went to my 50th high-school reunion in October. I still try to go to the Newton Book Club meetings." • As I was writing this, an e-mail arrived from **Judy Davin Knotts**, who said, "Went to my 50th high-school reunion (Eden Hall) on 91st Street in October. It seemed impossible that the women gathered in the Museum of Modern Art were my classmates...old women, me too!" I remember a group coming back to Newton for their 10th reunion when we were there and thinking they were old...they

were probably around 30! • **Carol Dougherty Hollyday** wrote: "Just went back to my 50th reunion in Montclair. Saw **Barbara Fortunato Hurley**, who is just great! We all felt how fortunate we were to have grown up in the era that we did and in such a fabulous town. Our school (Montclair High School) was one of the top high schools in the country at that time. Most of our friends went to Ivy League and Seven Sisters schools. Only Barbara and I went to a Catholic college. We have had such a good, rounded education and feel very grateful." • Please stay in touch, and keep those regional luncheons going as our college 50th is only a few years away! • We send our sympathy to **Alice Hurley Dickinson** on the recent death of her husband, Jim. Please keep Alice and her family in your prayers.

1963

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Sr. **Florita Rodman** celebrated her 60th anniversary as a Sister of Divine Providence, a long journey from her 1963 undergraduate degree. Early in her ministry, she was a pastoral associate in many parishes south of Boston. She was a founding member of the National Lay Ministry Association and became very aware of areas across the country that did not have parish priests. As a result, in 1999 she was hired as a resident pastoral minister for St. Helen Parish in Amory, MS. The parish has been without a priest for over 15 years. She reports a very rewarding ministry in this parish of people of strong faith. • Congratulations to **Phil Landrigan**, who recently received the 2008 BC Alumni Award for Professional Excellence. Recognized internationally as a pioneer in public health and preventive medicine, Phil is chair of community and preventive medicine and professor of pediatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. In 2006, Phil received both the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Children's Health Environmental Coalition, where he serves on the board of directors, and the Children's Environmental Health Champion Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Phil has served as a senior advisor to the EPA, where he helped establish a new Office of Children's Health Protection, and he was a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses. A retired Navy captain, he is currently deputy command

surgeon general in the New York Naval Militia. • I am sad to report that at press time I received word of the October 14 death of **Peter C. Murray**. Peter was a retired sales manager and lived in Cohasset. • May I hear from you?

NC 1963

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In the Fall issue, I sadly reported the passing of Jack O'Leary, the husband of **Maureen (Meehan) Sennot O'Leary**, on August 15, 2008. Many of Maureen's classmates and other Sacred Heart friends were at his funeral Mass at St. Joseph's and at the reception that followed. **Colette Koechley McCarty's** husband, Tom, offered a eulogy. Also attending were John '63 and **Carol (Donovan) Levis, Sheila Mahony** and **Chuck Riggs, Jim and Susie Bell Trowbridge, and Margot White**. **Barbara Jones, Mary Ann Brennan Keyes, and Peggy Brennan Hassett** (all NC'62) were there as well. If I have left someone out, I apologize. • In October, Maureen O'Leary, Carol Levis, and Sheila Mahony met at **Penny Brennan Conaway's** home in Washington at what has become an annual get-together for them. Also, each year Barbara Jones has a dinner party for us—lots of fun and good talk. • Politics was important this year (not a news flash!) **Kathleen O'Riley Burdick's** daughter held an important position in Senator Obama's campaign, and both Kathleen and Maureen O'Leary were excited and privileged to be in Grant Park on election night. Kathleen and **Delie Conley Flynn** booked their hotel reservations in DC in October! Speaking of Delie, her son Jesse was married this summer on Cape Cod. Every happiness to the young couple! • Sheila Mahony saw her old Minneapolis friend **Mary Westphal Richardson** at Hilton Head, where Mary and friends were golfing. As you may remember (Cushingites will), Mary was with us for our freshman year, but she finished school in Minnesota. What a treat to see her after all these years! • Carol and John Levis were in San Francisco for a wedding in October and had breakfast with **Kathleen McHale Mulherin**. Kathy works in substance abuse counseling, both in private practice and at Kaiser Permanente. They had a great visit. • Dear classmates, please send your news to me or to BC—they are very good about forwarding it to me. It would be fun to be up to date on each other for our 50th. • The very best of every good thing in 2009!

1964 REUNION 2009

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Eileen (Howley) Luddy and husband Tom '63, MA'65, write that they have both retired from teaching at Salem State College. Tom is still directing plays there and also teaches in the evening division. The Luddys enjoy travel, classes with the Salem State Explorers, and activities with son Sean; his wife, Caroline, and their three children; and daughter Tara Luddy and her husband, John Cotoia, all of whom live nearby in Boston's North Shore area. • **Ralph A. Fulchino**, brother of Paul E. Fulchino '69 and Thomas P. Fulchino '70, passed to eternal life on December 1, 2008. Ralph was an officer in the Navy, served as special liaison to the White House for the National Security Agency (NSA), and had a long career in business, eventually starting his own global services consulting company. He held a master's degree in economics from Columbia University and a Ph.D. in international affairs from Georgetown University. A memorial service was held on December 6 at Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley, MD. Please keep the entire Fulchino family in your prayers.

NC 1964 REUNION 2009

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Another new appearance! Inspired (my term) by **Cathy Dolan Miskell's** update, **Dee Parker Arntz** shared the following: "I am doing well and have lived in Seattle for the past 21 years. I am challenged by the weather and long to be in Florida with my sister. Until then I have a HappyLight." I agree with Cathy, whom I do remember—we definitely don't look 66. My mirror doesn't lie. For the last 20 years, I have been devoted to environmental causes as a member of the board of Audubon Washington and the Washington Environmental Council—fulfilling but often frustrating. At the moment, I am writing a book, with a friend, about the outstanding women environmentalists in Washington and Alaska. There are many, and I have been blessed to work with many of them. Washington is a state that encourages strong women: Our governor

and both senators are women. My husband of 37 years, Bill, and I have done a great deal of traveling—France, Australia, South Pacific Islands—and I would like to return to southern France." • Speaking of strong women, our reunion is coming up! **Judy Ernst Tortora**, husband Peter, their son Kyle, and Kyle's friend Brenda went to a wedding in the south of France and then visited Paris. But here's the interesting part. Kyle has an online business called Lotus Sculpture, specializing in handmade statues of Hindu gods and Buddha, imported from India. Judy had always wanted to visit India, so after the French "connection," Judy, Kyle, and Brenda did just that. Kyle has become actively involved in helping the people in Tamil Nadu, India, who were directly affected by the tsunami of December 26, 2004. Lotus Sculpture collected donations to buy nets for the fisherman whose livelihoods were destroyed, and Kyle himself went to the village to distribute the nets. Next, he plans to help reoutfit the schools with much-needed supplies. Kyle believes that this is "the beginning of Lotus Sculpture donating sustainable aid in the region for those who are less fortunate." • Finally, this update from **Mary (Shay) McGuire** came in last spring and got lost in the shuffle. Mary and a group of friends who had gone to both grammar and high school together spent a week last April visiting yet another classmate, **Susan Roy Patten**. Mary said that Susan's house was perfect for their get-together. The meals were great, a high point being the Fall River chow mein. • All in all, though, it's always the laughter that makes these minireunions so memorable, isn't it? Now, I've noticed that these minireunions have been happening rather regularly, which leads me to my next thought (why are you not surprised?). It's time (both literally and figuratively) to merge those minis into one big one. It's the 45th, and it's sooner than you think: May 29–31! *This coming May 28–31!* There were 45 of us at our 40th. That's nice, but it could be better. Be there!

1965

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Sally Stevens wrote from Honolulu that she had recently been back to Boston and was very impressed with the changes on campus

as well as in Boston. Sally has been in Honolulu since 1967. She has retired from teaching and is enjoying her free time studying music at the University of Hawaii. • **Tom Whelan** wrote that he earned his MBA from Boston University and taught accounting at BC in the late 1960s. He began his public accounting career in human resources and financial management, serving as CFO of the New England region of Ernst & Young for about eight years. He and his wife, Diane, live in Lexington and have two children. Their daughter, Kimberly, graduated from Bentley College in 2006 and received her master's degree from the Lynch School, graduating summa cum laude in 2008. Son Tommy is a sophomore at Bentley. Tom and Diane are longtime ticket holders to BC football. • **Jim Nelson** traveled to China for the Olympic Games. He stayed in Beijing, two bus stops from the Bird's Nest. Jim attended 14 events and also visited many fabulous locations in China. Tom McCarthy '72, M.Ed. '76, who has been living in China for the past decade plus, heads up China tennis. Tom provided a tour guide and translator for Jim and Bob Ryan '68, as well as great dining experiences. Jim is looking forward to the London Olympics in 2012. • **Neal** and I welcomed a new granddaughter, Gwendolyn Reese Harte, on November 10. Our son Sean; his wife, Therese; and big sister Ellery Katherine (2) are thrilled with their new family member. • **Mike and Nancy Brox Jones** have a grandson, Michael. His dad is their son Michael Jr., who runs HR for Northrop Grumman Aerospace in Texas. Mike and Nancy's daughter Julie is deputy general counsel for Wexford Capital in Greenwich, CT. The Jones family had a reunion in Carrickmacross, Ireland, which was attended by 130 relatives from five countries. Mike has also started a new company with hopes of being able to work a little less. He finished his e-mail with "alive at '65." Remember our motto "'65 and still alive"—how unreal that sounded at the time!

NC 1965

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Libby Miller Fitzgerald is working for the NPR station WVTF in Roanoke, VA, doing in-depth pieces for the news and producing and moderating a one-hour public affairs program. She also coanchored election

night returns. Many of you echoed Libby's sentiments that we were all part of history that night. Libby spends her free time riding her bicycle and visiting her twin granddaughters in Richmond and her three grandchildren in Larchmont. • **Dottie Sforza Calabrese's** son Geoff '97 was married in September. **Lisa Pustorino Edmiston, Marianne Pizzuto Haggerty, Joan Bush Lemery, and Rowie Barsa Elenbaas** attended. • **Sally Rosenthal Smith** organized a tea for Sacred Heart alumnae in her community on Skidaway Island, GA. Twenty women attended; they hope to make it a biannual event. • **Terri Dussaq Herron** attended a Sacred Heart luncheon for Cuban alumnae in November in Miami. Terri left Cuba in 1960 but still worries about the family and friends who remain there. Food is being rationed, and doctors lack proper medicines and tools. Terri is retired and is the caregiver for her 80-year-old husband. Her son Kevin is a major in the Air Force and is currently serving in Iraq. Terri has two granddaughters and three grandsons. • Following **Mary McGinn's** inquiry in the last column, **Janet McInerney Sargent** confirmed that the author Rita Scotti and **Kiki Scotti**, a member of our freshman class, are one and the same. Kiki recently published a fascinating history of the construction of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. • **Eileen Geary Bellingrath** touched base; she says "hello" to all. • **Barbara Sweeney Kenney** checked in; she has seen **Ginny O'Hara Bowker** and **Joan Walsh Rossi** MA'6. • Yours truly continues to write grants related to the No Child Left Behind Act for four school districts in New Jersey, spends time with grandchildren here and in Denver, does volunteer work, and loves retirement. • At press time I learned of the recent deaths of three of our classmates: **Joan Kenary Murphy, Jane Mullowney Tyler, and Priscilla Durkin**. More will follow in the next column but, in the meantime, feel free to e-mail me for further information. • Please send me your e-mail address to be added to a distribution list so you can receive time-sensitive news without waiting for the next class notes. I also urge you to register on the BC alumni online community. As always, I will be looking forward to receiving your news.

1966

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Ed Rafferty left us in July. His vitae stretched early over familiar turf, Watertown and Watertown High School, Boston College, Vietnam, a 41-year marriage with Ginny, and finally retirement to horsey Aiken, SC. Veterans count! And Ed was to honor his family, country, and Boston College in a critical year with the Army 47th Infantry. Rising to captain, Ed earned the potent combination of Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and Purple Heart. We salute you, Ed! • **Charlie Callen** emerged in September with six shooter bent. "After commissions and diplomas were handed out," his trail took him to Montana, where he cowboied for a time, sufficient though to buy a VW bus and tour the country. Then he too answered his country, winding up in Mannheim, Germany. "One night a horse barn caught fire, and many horses escaped. Some died in the fire. Some ran onto the autobahn and were killed or hurt as were some of the drivers. Some made it into downtown Mannheim. The clatter of shod hooves on cobblestones was something to remember. The tat-too of the German police cars with their blue lights on was pathetic. Any cowboy knows you can't round up horses like that! I was wishing I had my lariat; I could have caught one and tried to settle him down so the others would herd together with him. It would have been more fun than rounding up drunk GIs and breaking up bar fights in the [red-light] district, which my night shift and I did frequently." • Speaking of veterans, the 8th annual Veterans Remembrance Mass and Ceremony was chaired by **Morgan Costello**. Among the attendees were **Rod Dwyer, George St. Georges, Tom McNeil, Dave Patenaude, and Chris Mungovan**; they came to honor our six classmates who died during the Vietnam War. **Paul Delaney** gave an update on the veterans memorial to be built on Burns Library lawn. Due to the generosity of many classmates, we are close to securing funding and, subject to University approval, completing this fitting tribute. • Reports have **Bill Rooney** living in Australia and **Fred Sabini**, MAT'68, enjoying retirement from teaching and traveling in Italy this past summer. • Kudos to **Richard Chiozzi** of Madison, CT, a 65-year-old stay-at-home dad, raising Christophe (15), who attends Xavier High, and Anthony (13), who is at Our Lady of Mercy. "God blesses people in different ways: For me, it was to marry Margo at age 46." Margo is an MD, 15 years younger, and attended Harvard when Richard made his move. • Recently I expanded my industrial real estate consultancy to port areas from Norfolk, VA, south to Miami.

With election to the presidency of the North Florida American Foreign Intelligence Officers I am submitting my last report. I salute each of you and extend gratitude for the honor bestowed. Come and serve your classmates! The best, **Dane Baird**.

NC 1966

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Jim and Louise Mazyck Woodruff celebrated their 40th anniversary in 2007 with a party where "we surrounded ourselves with people we liked.... Very few of the people we invited knew or remembered the significance of the date, and that was the way we wanted it. It was 'a gathering,' and it was our gift to ourselves." Because the event was so much fun, the Woodruffs decided to do it again in 2008 as "the second (and, we hope, annual) gathering." Jim has finally retired, is playing golf, and is trying to get Louise back in the sport. Louise is still working full-time running her manufacturers rep business. Both of the Woodruffs' daughters live in Falls Church, VA. • **Martha Roughan, RSCJ**, spent 18 days in Uganda this past July, visiting Sacred Heart schools there. • **Sandra Puerini Del Sesto** has been named director of Rhode Island College's Institute for Addiction Recovery. Established to strengthen the state's capacity to assist with addiction recovery efforts, the institute will help prepare professionals in the field. Sandra's husband, Richard, who has been working in Tulsa, OK, for 10 years, retired and returned home to Rhode Island in November. • For the past five years, **Marilyn Bohrer Dewar** has been consulting for Project ACCEPT as a virtual high-school project manager and teaching three sections of freshman comp at Lasell College. The Dewars, who live in Wellesley, sold their Cape Cod house in 2007, and now spend their vacations traveling. Trips in the past year have included Holy Week in Spain and a western Mediterranean cruise. Marilyn and Tom's daughters both live in Westwood, and the Dewars have two grandchildren. • After **Evelyn Fu Loh's** husband, Laurence, retired, the Lohs started a nonprofit called WECARE, primarily granting scholarships to needy children in rural China to keep them in school. "As Chinese descendants, we had the advantage of a good life built being abroad, and thus wanted to do something for our less fortunate

nate countrymen.... We started mainly in Shangdong province and have now expanded to four other areas, giving over 300 scholarships yearly. Although the scale is small, we pride ourselves on the fact that all the workers are volunteers, and 100 percent of the funds raised go directly to the recipients. If anyone is interested, they can visit our website at www.weieu.org."

1967

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Seen around the hockey rink: Joe McEttrick JD'71, Paul White, and Jerry Madek MA'69. Also Jim Hickey, John Ryan, Tom Marchitelli, and Jerry York M.Ed.'70, CAES'73. • The class extends its condolences to Mary-Anne and Charles Benedict, MBA'70, on the sudden death of Charles's brother Paul. Paul was a well-known actor of stage, screen, and television for nearly 50 years. • No phone calls, no letters, no e-mails, no more news.

NC 1967

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I am cheering...can you hear me? There is class news to report; maybe even enough for two columns! • Another wonderful wedding description arrived, from Noreen Connolly: "Billy '67 and Sherie Mullen Welch's lovely daughter, Hallie, married Steve Marshall on October 25 in Antigua Guatemala. Nancy Birdsall, Jane Hannaway, Meg Harrington Tyre, Patty Lawlor Webster, Mary Feldbauer Jansen, and I were there to celebrate. Sherie was a gorgeous mother of the bride; all had a glorious time." Noreen added that her son Nick (25) ran a storefront office for Obama in Philadelphia during the 2008 campaign; middle son Matt '07 works in New York and "seems to be" applying to law school. Noreen also finally claims empty-nester status (at least for the moment) since her youngest, Daniel, is a freshman at BC! • Many of you, like me, really enjoy our grandchildren. Mary Lou Hinchey-Clemons's first grandchild was born in October 2008, a week after her

nearly 97-year-old mother passed away. After spending two years caring for her mother in Massachusetts, Mary Lou returned to Maryland to "spoil" Jayden Alexander Clemons. The baby's father is in the Coast Guard out of Cape May, NJ—seven weeks in port, then seven weeks out. We know this new grandmother will make the most of her time with her family's addition. • Pat Curtis Beirne is the proud grandmother of Dylan, Simon, Oliver, and new arrival Sadie, born in September 2008. Besides babysitting, Pat and husband John stay busy in retirement, traveling, scuba diving, and sailing

Reid Oslin '68, MSP'71, has published another terrific book on BC football titled *Boston College Football Vault*.

on the boat they keep in front of their house. They also travel on a 171-foot square-rigger, a replica of a ship built in Salem in 1797! "It looks exactly like the *Pirates of the Caribbean* ship," she says. • Two reports arrived about a special 15-month-old named Wade. It seems he has two NC'67 connections: first, as the star of the Vinny '65 and Mary Ann (Peters) Giffuni family, as he is the son of their daughter Sara '94 and son-in-law Rob Joseph '91; and second, as the new next-door neighbor of Gerard and Denise Hern Wood, M.Ed.'68, in Wellesley. (Everyone was surprised to discover the connection.) Mary Ann visits this first grand-guy as often as her schedule allows. Denise adds she also sings in her church choir and was looking forward to the holiday concert, performing parts of Handel's *Messiah*...singing is her new avocation. • More next time! From you, too?

1968

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This issue begins on a terribly sad note, as our Class of 1968 has suffered the loss of a very special classmate. Many of us counted Bill Gerson, MA'71, as a true friend, during both our days on the Heights and our alumni years in far-flung places. In 1974, Bill gathered a significant group of energetic and

enthusiastic Eagles, many of us '68ers, who became the nucleus of the Boston College Alumni Admission program. Bill built the Alumni Admission Volunteer network, and his extensive friendships, and his unique knowledge of those of us who were willing to put in years of service to the advancement of Boston College, provided a framework supporting the University during its time of prestigious growth in admissions nationally and internationally. Bill was masterful in conducting our Alumni Admission conferences on the Heights and had

great pride in the team he had personally assembled. Those weekends would always end with Bill's beautiful tribute to his wife, Ellie Doherty '70, M.Ed.'93, and his children, Marybeth '97, Megan '00, and Brian '02. Bill also loved the years he was the PA announcer for BC basketball games. So many of us will share a poignant emptiness at BC events with the loss of a loyal Eagle and our very special friend. • On a much happier note, our classmate Reid Oslin, MSP'71, has published another terrific book on BC football titled *Boston College Football Vault*. It's a coffee-table book with text, hundreds of photos, and lots of "drop-in" memorabilia (tickets from famous games, program covers, etc.). It's lots of fun and a wonderful read for Eagle fans. The foreword was written by Jack Bicknell and the afterword by Doug Flutie '85. It's available from the BC Bookstore's new online site, as well as at Boston-area bookstores. Reid and wife Susan are now living in Milton and doing fine. Their oldest daughter, Tierney '03, following in her dad's footsteps, works for ESPN, where she is a member of the network's *College GameDay* production staff. • Joan and Bill O'Mahoney spent last summer restoring their beautiful 1981 Cape Dory and have been enjoying their sailing adventures on New Hampshire's Lake Winnepesaukee. • This past year, John Godfrey kept many of us informed with his personal observations on the topsy-turvy political scene in his home state of Alaska. • I'm hoping to hear from more classmates. Go Eagles, ever to excel!

NC 1968

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Winter's chill has settled in, but the holiday spirit, and a warm fire (and a glass of wine) make everything seem just fine. It was so gratifying to hear from some of you! • **Gail Edwards Medeiros**, MSW'71, writes that she is the director of the New England Breakthrough Series Collaborative on Safety and Risk Assessments, a program that focuses on improving the assessment of safety and risk for children by the public child welfare departments of six New England states. It involves 22 teams that will meet over a two-year period, with the ultimate goal of reducing the disproportionate number of children of color who enter the foster care system. Gail was previously the area director of the Lowell area office of DSS and worked as a consultant in many areas of child welfare. • **Kathy Hlaverty Delehaunty** is the director of parent giving for the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. • **Anne Mulligan Hartmere** retired from teaching last June and is thrilled to be able to spend more time with her grandchildren. Her family celebrated her retirement with a surprise trip to Hawaii. Way to go, Anne! • **Ellen Mooney Mello**, **Jane Sullivan Burke**, Meg Harrington Tyre NC'67, and I belong to the same book club and recently read *Girls Like Us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon—and the Journey of a Generation*. Ellen downloaded all the songs, and it was quite a trip down memory lane. We all agreed that the book could have been on a SWC reading list for its reflection on the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. • I wish you well for the new year. Although the economy is in turmoil, our friendships remain constant.

1969

REUNION 2009

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Bob Riehs was recognized by the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey as the 2008 recipient of the prestigious Max Sobel Outstanding Mathematics Educator Award. His wife, Jeanne, and sons Dan '06 and Scott were there to share the occasion.

Bob is a mathematics specialist with the New Jersey Department of Education. His oldest son, Dan, works in BC's Office of Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment. • **Katharine O'Brien Gibb** has assumed the position of assistant dean for the Mary Black School of Nursing at the University of South Carolina Upstate, which has the largest baccalaureate nursing program in South Carolina. She and husband Cedric reside in Spartanburg. • **Marty Gavin** MBA'74, **Paul Branca** MBA'76, **Roger Pelissier**, **John Markey** JD'73, **Arthur Sandberg**, and **Jim Littleton** were among our classmates attending the BC Alumni Association's kickoff celebration for Reunion 2009. Held at the Marriott Long Wharf in Boston in November, the event was for all BC classes that will be having a reunion in May. Marty Gavin and **Greg Murphy** will be heading up our class reunion social events, which will include special gatherings at a BC hockey game and at a BC theater event. • **John Buehler** and **Dan Denihan** are the cochairs of our Class Gift Committee and are hoping for maximum participation by our class members to our class reunion gift. • I look forward to seeing as many classmates as possible at our 40th reunion on the weekend of May 28–31.

NC 1969

REUNION 2009

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First, our 40th reunion is coming very soon! If you haven't already heard about it, you will shortly. Please try to make the class party on Saturday evening, May 30. **Joanne McMorro Struzziery**, **Jackie Roughan Gray**, **Christine LoPonte Peleckis**, and I have been in touch and are organizing the evening. Many of you are within driving distance, so plan now to attend and see others from our class. Contact your classmates and come! See you then. • **Jill Hendrickson Daly's** daughter Jen was recently inducted into the Cornell University Athletic Hall of Fame. Jen excelled at soccer while attending Cornell. A lovely ceremony was held in November on the Cornell campus. A good friend of mine from Cincinnati, **Mary Margaret Kindel**, who attended Newton as a freshman, ran into our classmate **Louise Dinan Williams** this past summer. For seven days they cruised the Danube,

visiting Vienna and Budapest. Somehow the two discovered the Newton connection. Louise is a travel counselor with AAA and was escorting a group of clients from The Villages in central Florida, where she relocated from Massachusetts four years ago. She claims the move was "the best decision I've ever made." Louise has two daughters and three grandchildren. She can be reached at llwilliams@aaasouth.com. • **Paula Fisher Paterson** and her husband, son, and daughter-in-law recently returned from another trip to Santa Fe, one of Paula's favorite spots.

1970

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Hi, gang. • There's not a lot in the old mailbag this time, so I guess I'll tell you a little about what I've been doing. This past summer, my son David '04 married his classmate Naomi Otto '04. The new Mr. and Mrs. Berry are living in Seattle, where Dave works for a private equity investment firm, and Naomi is practicing law, having graduated last June from the University of Washington Law School. As for myself, I've returned to my roots, in a way: I have a new hobby as a certified track official working at high-school and college track meets. Those of you who remember my efforts at running with the BC track team back in the late 1960s should know that I'm back at it, although in a slightly slower mode. • I did get a note from our hard-to-pin-down master chef **Jim Gallivan**, who has left the cold of New Hampshire and is now teaching culinary arts in the more hospitable climate of Atlanta. For those in the Southeast, look him up; I can assure you from personal experience that the dinner will be excellent! • As we all make it past the 60-year mark, and new possibilities open up, I'm sure there are a lot of interesting things happening in all our lives. How about dropping me a line to let everyone know what you're doing?

NC 1970

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Happy 60th birthday to all! **Liz Scannell Burke** celebrated hers by inviting a dozen close women friends to reunite or, for those who had heard about each other but had not yet met, to be introduced. The party lasted seven hours. Had we not had other commitments, it could have continued all night, as no one wanted to leave. • **Julie McCarthy** celebrated her 60th birthday at a surprise party arranged by her children. They assigned husband Jerry the task of keeping Julie out of the house while they decorated and prepared food; otherwise, they did everything themselves, devising an invitation list by perusing Julie's address book and contacting anyone they had heard Julie mention several times. Julie was thrilled with the result. Daughter Devon (BU) lives in Santa Monica and son Brendan '05 in Boston. Julie and Jerry, both school psychologists, are enjoying summer vacations and an empty nest by reconnecting with their love of travel. Last summer saw them in Greece; this summer's plans are still being developed (suggestions welcome). • **Jane McMahon** also traveled: to the resort area of Bled, Slovenia, and to Germany, where she and her travel companion visited the BMW factory/museum and drove away with a custom-made BMW. • I recently chatted with **Kieran Kilcullen Carter**, who retired from the practice of law, carving out a busy schedule of volunteer work: church-related activities, helping a Kenyan community, and serving as a presidential campaign precinct captain. She enjoys hobbies, freelance writing, and managing two daughters—quite a full plate! Her eldest lives nearby, studying law at George Mason University; her youngest, Katie, a Vanderbilt senior, plans to attend graduate school in geology and communications. • **Barbara Cook Fabiani** is helping the Council for Women of Boston College plan its 2009 signature event: a workshop examining the glass ceiling for women in American politics. Look for details in upcoming alumni communications. • **Eva Sereghy NC'71**, a senior analyst in allergies and infectious diseases at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), recently located **Elaine Burch Taylor** in her staff directory. Elaine has been working in applied information systems at the NIH in a building in Rockville, MD, only two blocks from Eva's office for nine years. It's a small world! My new year's resolution is to schedule lunch for the three of us. • Speaking of resolutions, please help me with another: catching up with classmates not heard from in years, including **Mimi Dickey** and **Clare Cuddy**.

1971

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NC 1971

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Congratulations to **Kathleen McGillicuddy**, who has been elected as vice chair of the Boston College Board of Trustees. Kathleen is also a cochair of BC's 150th anniversary "Light the World" campaign as well as chair and a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College. • Congratulations also to **Mary Lou Duddy DeLong**, who has been appointed by the Boston College Board of Trustees as University secretary. Mary Lou is the first layperson and the first female to hold this position in the history of the College. In this role, she also is the senior University liaison to the Council for Women of Boston College, of which she is a founding member. • **Anne Duffey Phelan** is now the liaison of the Student Advisory Board of the Council for Women of Boston College, and **Christine Franklin** has joined the council as a new member. • Mary Lou DeLong and Anne Phelan recently got together with **Kate Russell**, **Chris Peterson**, **Kathy Morrison McShane**, **Kathy Torrance Burgess**, **Chrissie Seelig Waindle**, and **Susie Martin** in New York City for a minireunion. Mary Lou writes, "Kate Russell lives in Greenwich, CT, and works as a vice president in product development for Gartner, Inc., an information

technology research and advisory company. She has just bought a condo in Breckenridge and hopes to ski like crazy this winter. Since her son Alex started college at Hamilton two years ago, Kate has been enjoying a dramatically improved social life. Chris Peterson lives in Scarsdale, NY, with husband Peter. George and Kathy McShane live in Smithtown, NY. They run an Internet/mail-order company that supplies nutritional supplements to doctors and hospitals worldwide. Traveling and visiting their three children occupies most of their spare time. Kevin, MBA'70, and Anne Phelan live in Wellesley. Their three daughters are all married and live in Boston. Anne stays connected with BC through her involvement with the Council for Women of Boston College and as a season ticket holder to BC football and basketball games. She enjoys summers on Cape Cod and gets together often with Harwich Port neighbors **Beth Cooney Maher** and **Cathy Colby McGrath**. Chris and Kathy Burgess live in Hanover. They moved back to the Boston area in 2006 after living in Pennsylvania for 20 years. They love being back and living close to their daughter and only grandson. Their three granddaughters live in Alabama. Kathy and Chris were planning to spend Christmas with the entire family in Mexico. Roger and Chrissie Waindle live in Burlington. Chrissie has started to wind down to retirement by working a four-day week as a lead consultant for Salary.com. Life is busy with five kids and six grandchildren and searching for that perfect retirement home and sailboat. Susie Martin lives in Rye Brook, NY, and is a special education teacher in Stamford, CT. Jeff and I live in Wellesley. I'm vice president and University secretary at Boston College. We enjoy spending time at our second home on Martha's Vineyard."

HOW WOULD ABIGAIL ADAMS USE AN ONLINE COMMUNITY?



- To UPDATE THE DIRECTORY ON THE OCCASION OF HER MARRIAGE TO JOHN
- To CHANGE HER ADDRESS ON THE MOVE TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL
- To SHARE A CLASS NOTE ON THE BIRTH OF JOHN QUINCY

WHAT WILL YOU USE THE NEW BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY FOR? VISIT WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI TODAY TO FIND OUT.

1972

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This column is easier for me to write than usual thanks to a series of messages filled with news that I received from **John Morin**, JD'76. A retired vice president of John Hancock, John is now a part-time securities arbitrator and fly-fishing guide. John, who is the widower of Elizabeth Harrington Morin '86 and the father of three, lives in Winchester. His father, Paul, was in the Class of '48. John reports that **Ed Herbert** is the president of Taylor Freezer in Norwood and a resident of Milton. **Walt Kelly** practices law and lives in West Roxbury. **Jim Dunn** is an officer with Dedham Savings and lives in Needham. **Mike Coyne** is an associate judge at Boston Municipal Court and a resident of Cohasset. **Dennis Riordan** has had a career with the Mass State Police and lives in Dedham. **Larry Niland**, also a John Hancock retiree, is a resident of Scituate. John saw former hockey star Bob Haley '70 at last year's BC-BU game and reports that he's a very youthful-looking grandfather. Bob's former teammate **Scott Godfrey** is also a grandfather and works as a lobbyist. He spends much of his time in Florida. • Besides the news from John, I've called several Gold Key Society classmates, including **Mike Spatola**, the chief fundraiser at BC Law School, who reports that his second daughter, Julie '06, works in San Francisco, and her sister Elizabeth '04 is employed by the San Diego Chargers. Mike is a resident of Hingham. • I called **Bob Paige** to congratulate him on the championship won by his Phillies. He's the chief of administrative services for the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and a resident of Medford. • **Ed Jantzen**, JD'75, reports from Laguna Niguel, CA, that the first trip he took as a retiree from the FBI was to the White House, where he got to talk to Press Secretary Tony Snow before Tony's untimely passing. • **Coleman Szely** still has his CPA practice in Bergen County, NJ, and attends most BC home football games. He's the former president of his chapter of the New Jersey Society of CPAs. • **Margaret Nagle** is a new member of the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

AS GOOD AS ADVERTISED

A successful advertising executive must know a thing or two about human psychology—something that's never been a problem for Susan McManama Gianinno '70, P'93. She graduated from BC with a bachelor's degree in the discipline and was pursuing her doctorate in behavioral psychology at the University of Chicago when a serendipitous meeting led to a job in advertising. Academia's loss became Madison Avenue's gain.

Since 2003, Gianinno has been chairman and CEO of Publicis USA, one of the nation's leading ad agency networks. She oversees all North American operations for the Paris-based group, which provides advertising solutions to such heavyweights as Procter & Gamble, L'Oréal, Hewlett-Packard, and Citigroup.

As business changes in the digital age, Gianinno is making sure Publicis evolves too.

"We've led the charge to retrain employees and revamp the organization so that it offers a full complement of digital services to meet the needs of our clients," she says.

Gianinno spends her "down time" assisting BC as a trustee associate and has been on the board since 1991.



Advertising executive Susan McManama Gianinno won the 2008 MATRIX Award for Women in Communications.

Below, Gianinno shares her thoughts on her career and her alma mater:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Among many: Winning the 2008 MATRIX Award for Women in Communications and serving as chair of the Advertising Council.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Watching the development of my daughter, Alexandra '93, who is the deputy executive director of the State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Meeting my husband, Lawrence Gianinno '70.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

Finding a way to balance work with family.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU SING OF THE BC FIGHT SONG?

Do you mean the fight song that starts, "Sweep Down the Field..." or "For Boston...?" I know all the words to both of them.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

The core of who I am hasn't changed much, but my worldview has expanded because of the network of people I've met.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE?

To always keep in perspective what really matters and make decisions accordingly.

WHAT HAVE YOU ENJOYED ABOUT BEING A TRUSTEE AND TRUSTEE ASSOCIATE AT BC?

I've loved working with Fr. Monan, Fr. Leahy, and the amazing people on the board throughout the years. I've chaired the Academic Affairs Committee and have been part of some exciting personnel decisions, such as hiring Provost and Dean of Faculties Bert Garza.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE THE MOST?

My father, who's the best physician and the most principled person I've ever known. (Gianinno's father, John McManama '37, was a physician for BC Athletics for more than 40 years until he recently retired.)

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE BC CAMPUS?

Bapst Library.

FOR MORE Q&A WITH SUSAN McMANAMA GIANINNO, VISIT
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NC 1972

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Mary-Catherine Deibel reports that **Kathy Connor** visited the Upstairs after attending the BC–Notre Dame game. • **John and Tappy Moran Kimpel**, MSW’01, took a trip around the world. • In September, **Penny Price Nachtman** and **Mary Rush Coan** met in California. Mary was visiting her son Ben; his wife, Mary; and her grandson Bennie. Mary is the godmother of Penny’s son Daniel, who is now a firefighter. • Also in September, **Phil Hogan ’01**, the son of **Phil and Mary Wurzelbacher Hogan**, married **Milana Rossi** in Lawrenceville, NJ. • After more than two years living in London, **Ruth Erickson** is back in New York City. Last August, Ruth celebrated her 30th service anniversary at Marsh & McLennan. Ruth is happy to be back but misses London, particularly the London BC Alumni Chapter, with whom she worked on a few things. • **Maureen Harmonay** has recently joined the Bolton office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage after two years with RE/MAX. In her new post, Maureen specializes in country homes and horse properties. She is also a professional animal communicator and has a website: www.AnimalTranslations.com. • In October, our **Sarah ’03**, **JD’08**, passed the bar in Massachusetts. • Take care.

1973

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This edition, congratulations are in order for the following BC alumni. Archbishop **Timothy P. Broglio** was among three bishops who recently were elected to the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop Broglio was ordained a priest in 1977. • On October 28, Adoption & Foster Care Mentoring’s board of directors appointed **Stephen Lang** as its new chair. Stephen is currently vice president of sales and marketing at Classic Envelope in Whitinsville. Stephen received a BS in management and finance from BC. • That’s it! Please continue to send your news so we can all keep up with you.

NC 1973

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Nancy Warburton Desisto has done a wonderful job with this column but is quite overwhelmed. So, like a “bad penny,” I’m back! Thank you, Nancy. We also offer our condolences on your father’s death. Further, Nancy and Michael bought a house in Boothbay Harbor, ME, where they already own a 1763 farmhouse. “I am over the top” were her words. • Reminder: This column is written with a three-month lead, so please get your information in early. Classmates have stepped up to the plate (well, I begged), and I’ve gleaned info from Facebook (with permission). Contact me there or at the addresses noted above; it’s like having a 5th-year reunion every day. • **Becky Bralla Caplice** and I have had more dialogue in the past months than we did in four years at Newton. She and husband **Joe Poirier** live in Shelburne Falls, and we’ve discussed our “instant grandkids.” They have a home and are building another in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico—the pictures are glorious. Joe just bought a restaurant at auction; Becky is speechless. • **Priscilla Duff Perkins** and I both missed the reunion due to surgery and hope that others will share highlights. She retired from teaching, and when Bill retires next year, they’ll travel. Son Bill is in the UK, Kate is pursuing an MA at Lesley, and Dan is at Holy Cross. • Best career choice: **Mary Doherty Ellroy**, MBA’78, toy inventor. Farthest friend: **Margi Mulcahy O’Neill**,

family. Kate ’06, daughter of **Sheila Brogan**, MA’75, is in her last year at Villanova Law and will work in New York City. Son **Brendan ’08** is a team leader for AmeriCorps in Louisiana, rebuilding homes destroyed by Katrina, and Tim is a junior at BC. What a BC tradition! • Younger “sisters” on FB were **Barbara Callahan Saldarriaga NC’75**, who has sons at BC, and **Lynn McGovern NC’75**. Look for the Newton “Group.” • I expect a flood of e-mails from 1973 women. Truly, you are all missed.

1974



REUNION 2009

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Happy new year, everyone! I hope you and your family are well, and that you are making plans to join in on our reunion celebration. The response to the class’s winter events was great! I have just a few notes for this issue. • **Terry ’73** and **Kathy (Rando) O’Donnell** celebrated the wedding of their daughter **Alison** in August. Thanks to Kathy, who has served as our class treasurer for many years now! • It was great hearing from **Patti (Halligan) Nurse**. She is the director of business operations at Bright Horizons, where she’s been for eight years. In that time, the company has grown from one strictly associated with childcare to one that addresses all phases of life, from childcare to educational counseling to eldercare. She and her family are all doing well.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio ’73 was among three bishops who recently were elected to the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services.

United Kingdom, where she has a thriving antique business (see www.serpentineantiques.co.uk). Lost then found: **Ann Walls Flanders**. Annie married Bob in 1971 and left Newton but is happy in Rhode Island with her kids and Bob, who took joy in dumbfounding the Cushing 3 group. Missed the most: **Lynn Terry Tacher**, M.Ed.’75, my roommate. Other Newton FBs: **Kate Novak Vick** and **Susan Jaquet**. **Ann Reed** cooked for 16 at Thanksgiving with extended

• Congratulations to former BC hockey team captain **Raymond D’Arcy**, who has been selected to become president and CEO of Interactive Data Corporation this year. Ray has been with the company for 29 years. • On a sad note, I learned from **John and Maureen (Galvin) McCafferty** of the death of **Ben Chin** last fall. He will be missed by his family and many BC friends. • Please send some news and take care.

NC 1974



REUNION 2009

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Mark your calendars—our 35th class reunion weekend is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, through Sunday, May 31. The Saturday evening reunion class party will be a particularly memorable one, since a bevy of classmates, including **Trish Keough Almquist**, **Susan Sullivan Sullivan**, **Maira Ryan Dougherty**, **Beth Docktor Nolan**, **Kathy Renda Flaherty** MAT'79, **Maureen O'Halloran** JD'90, and of course, **Julie Hirschberg Nuzzo**, began planning for the party in October! • News from the October planning meeting included the following: Susan Sullivan is a grandmother! Her daughter Erin's son Wesley (1) is now the love of Susan's life! Daughter Kelly just received a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of Virginia Medical Center. Susan and husband Dan split their time between Newport and Vero Beach, FL. Susan returned to sailing last summer; she hadn't really sailed since the Newton College sailing team made the nationals (this is news to me!). Maira Dougherty is now an empty nester; daughter Maggie lives in Boston and works at BC, and Mike, also in Boston, is with John Hancock. Maira and husband Kevin have a cottage on Prince Edward Island and spend a good deal of the summer there. Kevin has begun to retire, so Maira has begun to cut back a bit on volunteering; however, her commitment remains with A Place to Turn, a MetroWest food pantry. Two of Trish Almquist's daughters live in Boston: Meredith Almquist Giannotti '01, who got married in 2001; and Jenny. Daughter Rachel lives in Manhattan and works for Time Out New York. Trish enjoyed a great visit on the Cape with Julie Nuzzo last summer. Kathy Flaherty, Susan Sullivan, **Kathy DeMello McClaskey**, **Maureen O'Halloran**, and **Maira Dougherty** have "irregular" get-togethers, most recently at Kathy Flaherty's place in Falmouth. • Write or e-mail me your news, and remember to save the weekend of May 28 for our 35th reunion.

1975

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Hello, classmates! • Congratulations to **Tom Nash** on his appointment as president of the Surface Inspection Systems Division of the Cognex Corporation. He joined Cognex after serving as vice president of operations and marketing for BTU International, a global supplier of thermal processing and automation systems for electronics, semiconductor, and solar equipment markets. Earlier, he was president of CIMCIS Ltd., a start-up software company. • **Christine Simon Bezreh** is a substitute teacher in the Needham Public Schools and also works on educational projects teaching about the Arab world. Her husband, Jim, a radiologist at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, is president of the Massachusetts Radiological Society and has also been named a fellow of the American College of Radiology. Their son Michael, a UMass Amherst graduate, is a full-time student at Simmons College School of Social Work. Son Matt, a graduate of Noble and Greenough, is a freshman at Bowdoin. Log on to Facebook to chat with Christine. • News for this edition was slim. Please send in news of yourselves, your families, or your BC friends. It's always great to hear your thoughts. Take care.

NC 1975

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The Council for Women of Boston College has recently announced two new committee leaders from Newton College '75: **Patricia (Coppola) McCormack** is the new chair of the Membership Committee, and **Jo Ann (Hilliard) Holland** is the new vice chair of the Membership Committee. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. Also, Jo Ann and husband Mark Holland '71 cochaired Boston College's 2008 Parents' Weekend. They are the parents of Mark, Class of 2010.

1976

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Again, some sad news leads off. **Brian O'Neill** died on June 26, 2008, at age 53,

after a long and valiant fight against T-cell lymphoma. Brian worked for Shell Oil for 29 years and was set to run its laboratories in Nigeria when the cancer was detected. He endured the painful and lengthy treatments without bitterness or complaints, which his wife, **Teresa "Tess" (Posch)**, attributes to his love of God and family, and attained remission after seven months. In early 2008, he was named Shell's global discipline lead for biostratigraphy. Alas, he relapsed in April 2008. The Society for Sedimentary Geology named him an honorary member and posthumously, its North American Micropaleontology Section added his name to an award: The Jones-O'Neill Student Award. Brian loved visiting BC and saw his daughter Gwyneth '07 graduate. She and her brothers, Matthew and Timothy, also survive him. Rest in peace! • The talented **Donald Lombardi** of Lombardi & Son Masonry in Manchester-by-the-Sea was issued U.S. patent #7,434,521 covering a "Mason's Adjustable Chimney-Platform Arrangement," and is hard at work on a further patent application. More info on this new invention can be had at lombardimasonry@gmail.com. Congratulations, Don! • **Gary Boettigheimer** expressed interest in contacting old friends, so all should seriously consider logging onto BC's on-line community. It makes it easier to reach out and touch someone with whom you've lost touch. • A new murder mystery novel, his first, was recently published by **Joseph Nowlan**. Titled *Media Blitz* (Oak Tree Press, 2008), it is available in bookstores and online. Joe is an associate editor for *Industrial Distribution* magazine, published by Reed Elsevier Inc. of Waltham. For many moons, Joe worked for the *Pilot*. Congratulations and good luck, Joe! • Here's wishing all a happy and healthy 2009! God bless!

1977

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Greetings, members of the great '78. You have all been conspicuously quiet since the

reunion. I am sure there is some news, any news, that you can share with the rest of us. Job or career changes? New homes? Any accomplishments, big or small? Don't be shy. Maybe you have run into another classmate? I have: **Alan Quartucci!** I was at our local high school's fall musical recently, and at intermission, there ambling up the aisle was Alan, looking not a day over, say, 25. His nephew was in the show, and he said his nephew is a friend of my daughter's! Small world! Alan is living in New York City and Florida. • **Eileen Carney** sent me an e-mail with news of her children. Son William is a freshman at UMass, where he participates in the IMPACT! community service program and is in Commonwealth College, the university's honors program. Daughter Elena is a junior in high school. Eileen reports that she is in the midst of a career change and is now a bona fide accountant. Nice going! • Going looking for **Jay Pingeton** is Karen Gavin '79, who lived in the mods in 1978. I don't think I have his e-mail address, so, Jay, if you are reading this, please contact me, and I can put you two kids together! • **Glenn Kaplinsky** is an attorney in private practice in New Jersey and is due to get his doctorate in May from Drew University. The Ph.D.-to-be has had a varied career, including stints in the Navy serving with the Marines (Ooh-rah!), as a newspaperman, and as a high-school history teacher! "I am also preparing my son for Boston College, 15 years down the line... wonder what tuition will be then?" Glenn says. • I say "thank you" to the above for getting in touch. • My piece of news is that I am officially a published author. My book, featuring a collection of first-person parenting columns that I have been writing for the past four years, is *Parenting from the Trenches: Anecdotes from the Front Lines of Child Rearing*. If you'd like more information, please e-mail me at the address above. • So, it's a new year, folks; drop a line or two, if for no other reason than to say "hi!"

1979



REUNION 2009

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Sheri (Pfizenmayer) DeGray married her high-school sweetheart in 1981. She lives in Rockville Centre, NY. Her daughter majors in communication at BC and will graduate this year. Sheri's husband is a commercial

photographer in Manhattan, and Shari is his studio manager. Besides running and completing the New York City Marathon in 2004, Shari dedicates volunteer energies to the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged, the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York. • **James Curtin** has resided in Walpole for the past 19 years with wife Cheryl and daughter Jamie. Jamie entered her sophomore year at Bentley last fall. James has been with the Boston Development Group, a real estate development group located in Newton Centre, for the past 23 years. He reports that he recently got together with fellow classmates **Julius Sciarra**, **Stephan Papazian**, **Kenneth Naumes**, and **James Merrigan**. **Thomas Pope** and **James Leonard** couldn't make that get-together, but they all plan to stay in touch and cheer on the Eagles at football, basketball, and hockey games. • **Lisa Caruso Jantzen** has been living in Manhattan for the past 20 years. She has been married for 10 years and has a daughter, Emma (9), and a Havanese named Scooter. Lisa is a buyer for the Doneger Group. She spends summers in South Hampton and visits her family on the Cape as often as possible. • **Rebecca Dawson Marks** works at NBC Universal as an executive vice president in communications and PR. She oversees talent relations, the page program, and photography. In January, she marked her 25th anniversary with NBC. She says she owes her success to Dr. Fishman (department chair at the time) at BC. Robin's husband, Rick, is a Sox/Celtics fan. Her daughter Dempsey (17) hopes to attend BC. Robin stays in touch with her roommate **Kris Palazola**, who lives in New Jersey and has four

Rebecca Dawson Marks '79 celebrates her 25th anniversary with NBC Universal, where she is executive vice president in communications and PR.

beautiful daughters. • **Brenda Hamlet** has lived in Oxford, England, for the past 21 years and has been busy raising two sons and pursuing a career in media and related industries. Oliver, Brenda's oldest, earned a medical degree with honors from Barts in London and is now a junior doctor at the Royal College in London. Julian, her second son, received a BA with honors in drama from Bristol University and is currently touring in the show *Jumping the Shark*. • **Lisa George DiBartolomeo** writes, "OMG, 30 years???" Lisa and her husband, John

'78, live in Acton. Lisa is a special ed consultant, and John is CFO of a start-up in Wellesley. The DiBartolomeos have three children. Their oldest is a pharmaceutical representative for Eli Lilly. Their daughter, a junior at BC, is currently in Australia for the semester, and their youngest is a senior in high school. • **Phil Neason** reports that he owns his own company in Moraga, CA, called WindRiver Energy, which develops and finances wind-power projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Phil is divorced with three children. The eldest is at the University of Pennsylvania, and his twin daughters plan to attend BC. • **Kathy O'Keefe** has been living on the Cape since 2003. She left California after 18 years and is working as a paralegal. Kathy has two children in college. She still keeps in touch with **Laura (Jefferys) Christopherson**, **Julie O'Donnell Wright**, and **Kate Limanek Sheeline** on an annual basis. • I've reached my word limit, and I beg the indulgence of those I have not yet included. I promise I will get in each entry by our 30th! Thanks again for all your help.

1980

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Hello, BC Class of 1980! • Classmates continue celebrating turning 50! Thank you for your reports. I send out a challenge to you moving forward into our next decade: Create new reasons to celebrate and to prove

that we are still young Eagles at heart! Please send me your thoughts on ways to take on this challenge and how you are living it. • **Bonnie (Morris) Manche** reports from Bergen County, NJ, that she's working as a school nurse in a large high school there and loves it. She had worked in Boston, then in an ICU in Manhattan. Falling in love, she married, moved to New Jersey, and worked as a head nurse while pursuing her master's in public administration at NYU, concentrating in hospital administration. Her two children are in college. • **Patricia Phalen**,

MBA'83, reports from Washington DC that she is teaching in George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs. Her courses include Hollywood and Politics and Political and Social Commentary in Science Fiction. She moved to DC following grad school at Northwestern and teaching at Ohio University. She remains in Opus Dei. • As our classmates continue turning 50, we hear from the gals of Duchesne West, first floor, who renewed college life in New York City on the Upper West Side. Perhaps you saw them—at MoMA, in Central Park, shopping on Fifth Avenue, at dinner in SoHo, or in spa robes and slippers giggling in the elevator and halls between their hotel suites. Just like being back in the dorm! Notes on those present are as follows. **Jeanne Tingo**, founder and director of Impax Communication, Manhattan, married Seamus Quinn in December 2007 in Cancún. **Jane (Zimmerman) Slater**, HR manager for Graphic Image, Long Island, has three children. **Elizabeth (Liddell)** and **Tom Glazer** have three children. Elizabeth is director of the Lower School at Lawrence Woodmere Academy on Long Island. **Moya (Segerson) Joosten** is executive officer to the CFO of Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH. She has three children; the older two attend BC. Joe '81 and **Eileen (Costello) Marx** have two children. Eileen is an instructor of world religions and journalism at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ. **Catherine (Gordon) Einhaus**, a community volunteer in Port Washington, NY, has two children. **M. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer**, professor of philosophy and the J. Robert Lane Chair in Humanities at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona, has three children. • Our fabulous former class correspondent, **John Carabatos** requests that we send him photos for his website: <http://web.mac.com/jtcdmd>. • I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

1981

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Art Frasca lives in southeast Michigan with his wife and two daughters, who attend their parish school, St. Patrick's, in White Lake. They are very involved in all aspects ("too many to mention") of the parish and the school. Art works in the financial services industry and began a partnership in

2004 with two close friends. He urges those of you who are out his way to look him up. • **David Murphy** earned an MBA from NYU in 1990 and spent 17 years in New York City in finance with Legg Mason. The company merged with Smith Barney, where David now leads a team that specializes in investing the reserve and endowment funds for nonprofit organizations. After traveling the world (for business and pleasure), he has settled down with a wife and two children, ages 6 and 3. The Murphy family recently moved to Greenwich, CT, and spent last August in China enjoying the Olympics. David's six-year-old speaks fluent Mandarin, "which turned quite a few heads when she would act as interpreter" for her dad. • **Tim Casserly** of Latham was elected chair of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association last spring and received an Elder Law Section award at the association's annual meeting, recognizing his "tireless advocacy and litigation, which has advanced the rights of the elderly and persons with disabilities." Tim is a cofounding partner of Burke & Casserly, PC, and coauthored the consumer planning guide *Boomer Basics: Everything You Need to Know*

Paul Reynolds '82, president of FableVision, has launched a new animation product called Animation-ish.

about the Issues Facing You, Your Children and Your Parents, a comprehensive health, financial, and personal resource guide for the baby boomer generation. • **Thao Nguyen** was appointed vice president of worldwide hard disk drive (HDD) manufacturing at Hitachi Global Storage Technologies. He leads the HDD facilities in Thailand, Singapore, and Shenzhen, where he is based. Previously, Thao worked for Maxtor, IBM, and Micropolis, and he has contributed to 23 patents in HDD manufacturing. He earned his Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from MIT. • While attending a meeting of the Council for the Women of Boston College in October, I had an opportunity to reconnect with **Meg McGrory Kelleher** and **Jylanne (Smith) Dunne**, both of whom are senior vice presidents with Fidelity Investments in Boston. We also saw **John Dudzik**, who was in Boston on business. John works with Colchis Capital in Greenwich, CT. The highlight of the trip, though, was having lunch at the Heights with my dear friend and mentor, Fr. Bill Neenan, H'o8.

1982

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I attended my 30th high-school reunion from Lexington High School on November 29 and saw **Ellen (Campbell) Caouette**, **Donna (Duffy)** and **Lou Dillillo**, **Lisa (McLaughlin)** and **Phil DeCristo** (see below), **Julie (Parker) Malloy**, and **Ed Rutyna**, who flew in from California to attend! It was great to see everyone. We missed **Charlie Busa**, **Kathleen (O'Brien) DiBiase**, **Sally Quick**, **John Volante**, **Michelle (Provost) Gelnaw**, **Mary Theresa (Hunt) Johnson**, and **Gaby Clapp-Milley**. I apologize if I missed anyone. • Gaby Clapp-Milley is married, has a son (5) and a daughter (3), and lives in Princeton, NJ. • **Julie (Rao) Martin** met Charlie Busa in Vegas. They had dinner at Rao's and drinks at the Tabu Ultra Lounge at the MGM. Julie enjoyed herself and assumes it's about 20 years since she and Charlie partied together! • **Carole (McNulty) Pendleton**

attended the 25th reunion with **Reina (Benitez) Flower**, **Tessie (Cabrera) Vare**, and **Stephanie (Walser) Robert**. She enjoyed catching up with old friends and admitted the 25th reunion was the first she had attended since our 5th reunion. • **Paul Reynolds**, president of Boston-based educational media firm FableVision, recently launched a new animation product for kids and adults called Animation-ish (www.animationish.com), featuring his twin brother, Peter H. Reynolds. The book/toy shop, The Blue Bunny, which he cofounded with Peter, received the 2008 Best of Boston Best Bookstore award! • **Susan (Wheaton) '87** and **William McGurk** have two sons, Alex (13) and Colin (11), and live in southern Massachusetts. They celebrated 20 years of marriage last August. William retired as a chief petty officer, after 22 years in the Navy Reserve. He now contracts to the Navy as a network engineer for Lockheed Martin. Five years ago, he was confirmed in the Catholic Church, and he now serves as a lector for his parish. • Congratulations to Phil DeCristo, who is presi-

dent and group executive of Mercer's investment businesses. He joined Mercer in 2006 after holding a number of executive positions at Fidelity Investments. • **Joanne Caruso**, JD'86, hosted a cooking class followed by dinner for members and associate members of the Council for Women of Boston College at Sur La Table in Los Angeles on September 29. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • Condolences to the family of **Janice Rizzo Haigh**, who passed away on July 3, 2007.

Joanne Caruso '82, JD'86, hosted a cooking class followed by dinner for members of the Council for Women of Boston College in Los Angeles.

1983

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Ann Johnson Fienman shares this news: "My husband, Don '79, and I are surprised to find ourselves 'empty nesters' this fall. Our daughter Rose is a senior at Loyola University New Orleans, and her sister, Joyce, is a freshman at USC in Los Angeles. Hard to believe both our children are in college—it doesn't seem that long ago that we were students ourselves!" • **Victor Crawford** was appointed senior vice president of Worldwide Operations and System Transformation at the Pepsi Bottling Group. Victor is responsible for the company's go-to-market strategy, manufacturing and warehouse operations, global revenue management, and information technology.



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Greetings to all! I hope your holidays were happy! • On August 29, 28 years after our first arrival at BC, **Jeanne Dotterweich Morris** helped move her eldest daughter, Julia '12, not only to BC but also into Jeanne's former freshman dorm, Duchesne East, third floor.

While there, the Morris family attended a legacy reception hosted by the Alumni Association featuring William P. Leahy, SJ. • **Ana G. Mendez** is currently working in Turkey. She owns a company that deals with international commerce, working in the areas of finance, business consulting, and commodities such as petroleum products, cement, and scrap rails. Ana will soon be publishing her first novel titled "Coming Back to Life." Her son just started college this year. • **Tom Nunan**, M.Ed.'90, writes to report the success of the Kevin J. Conway

'84 Scholarship Fund, currently providing financial assistance to a deserving student in memory of our classmate **Kevin Conway**. In addition to the financial support provided by classmates, since 1992 many from the Class of 1984 have gathered every five years with the Conway family to rekindle connections and to celebrate Kevin's life. Those from '84 who have attended the memorial Masses and dinners include **Tracy Bascetta**, **Beth (Higgins)** and **Tony Benoit**, **Lisa Mollo-Blum**, **Marc Craig**, **Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager**, **Tom Foristall**, **Steve Gargano**, **Karen Izzi Bristing**, **Margaret Leyden Holda**, **Catherine Keyes**, **Colleen Herlihy** and **Henry King**, **Mary Moran**, **Tom and Nancy (Pegoli) Nunan**, **Nancy (Devine)** and **Vittorio Pavia**, **Larry Priola**, **Greg Swenson**, **Robin (Sardagnola)** and **Steve Beaudette**, **Jane (Wetterling) Clifford**, **Cristen (Carter)** and **Tom Forrester**, **Eileen (McCarthy)** '85 and **Chris Gardner**, **Mike Garry**, **John Gill**, **George Lyman**, **Susan Malkin**, **Mike Rolfes**, and **Anthony Sciaraffa**. • Last September, Talbots named **Susan Walsh** senior vice president of stores for its J. Jill Brand. Prior to joining Talbots, Sue spent nearly 13 years at Williams-Sonoma, where she rose to vice president of stores for Pottery Barn. Currently a resident of Dallas, she will be relocating to the Boston area. • SUNY Cortland has appointed **Andrea LaChance** chair of the Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department in the School of Education. • **Karen Rohan** is a new member of the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • Thank you for all the news. Please write soon!

1985

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Nicole (Smit) MS'91 and **Bill Marcinkiewicz** live in Natick with their kids, Kyle (17), Sarah (15), and Alex (12). **Craig and Tricia McHugh Russ** live in Hingham with daughters Emily (15) and Hannah (13). • **Doug and Maureen Murphy Olsen** live in Needham with daughters Maggie (14) and Anya (11). Maureen owns a media buying and consulting company, Momentum Media. She recently attended a performance of the University Chorale's *Carmina Burana* at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. Daughter Anya sang with the Chorale as a member of the children's chorus. It brought Maureen back to her days in the Chorale. Nicole, Tricia, and Maureen send out a "hello" to their old 35-B roomies: **Carol Blood Walker**, **Sarah Alley Lavalette**, and **Carrie Barr Miller**. • **Virginia McCormack** of Wells, ME, **Laurie (Zamparelli) Marcello** of Saco, ME, and **Ann Murray** of California write for the parenting Website Raising-Maine.com and the monthly magazine *Raising Maine*. Virginia is a life coach and owns her own consulting business, Moms-ForJoy; Ann is a former TV anchor, writer, speaker, and documentary filmmaker; and Laurie works in radio, is a freelance writer, and owns her own online parenting magazine, GabMagOnline.com. • **Mark and Carolyn (Conigliaro) Ferrara** live in Stonington, CT, with their daughters Madeline (11), Olivia (8), and Grace (6). After working for MEDITECH for many years, Carolyn took six years off to enjoy her little girls. Now that her youngest is in first grade, Carolyn returned to her career as an MIS physician liaison manager at the William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, CT. She hopes that at least one of her girls will attend BC! • After practicing law with her father for 14 years, **Martha Bagley** has opened a new law practice in Salem, Bagley & Taranto, PC, with BC grad Thomas J. Taranto '75. They specialize in matrimonial law and civil litigation. • **Chris '87** and **Anne (Willwerth) Schmitt** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in September 2008. They were married in Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus, with Fr. Robert "Too Tall Bob" Braunreuther '58, STB'66, doing the honors. Their wedding colors were maroon and gold, and the band that played at the reception had to learn the BC fight song to get the gig—all true!

• Marie Oates hosted a member reception for the Council for Women of Boston College on November 18 at The Kitano in New York City. • Thanks for your notes.

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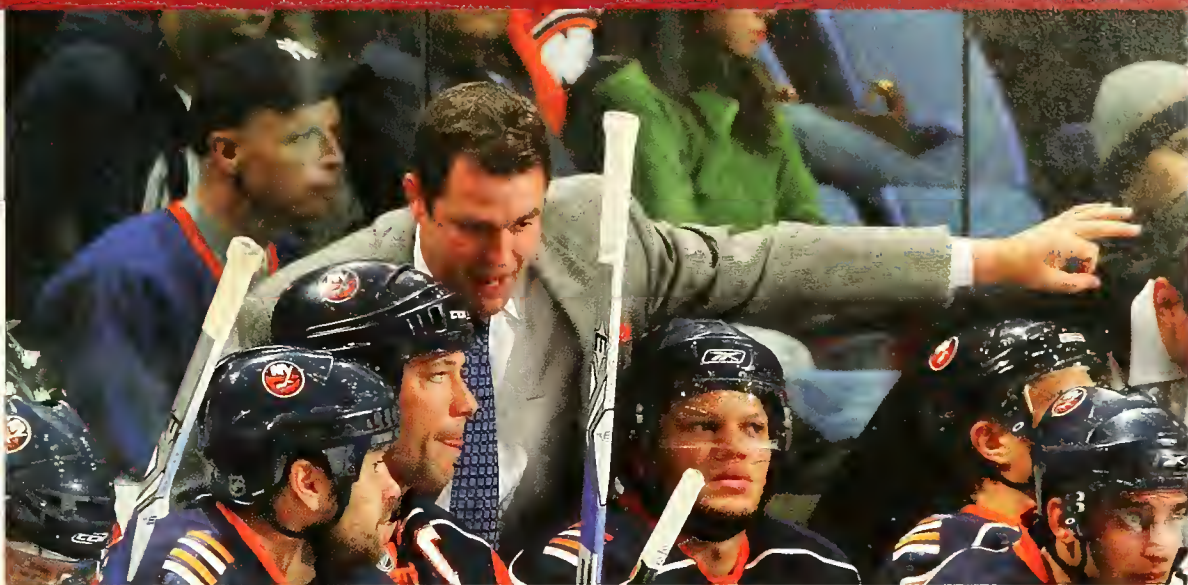
Michaela "Mikey" Murphy Hoag, founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, hosted a Beginning the Journey event in San Francisco on September 30 at the Metropolitan Club. Beginning the Journey is a program focusing on career and life skills sponsored by the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

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Happy 2009! I hope your year is off to a great start! Here is what's new. • Ellis Paul's CD *The Dragonfly Races* has been designated a 2008 Parents' Choice Silver Honor Award winner. It is Ellis's 14th album and was inspired by his two daughters, marking his debut into the family/children's genre. A critically acclaimed singer, songwriter, poet, and troubadour, Paul is the recipient of 13 Boston Music Awards, second only to multiplatinum act Aerosmith. Since launching from Boston, Ellis has built a vast catalog of music, and he averages 150 shows a year, traveling across America and Europe, playing venues from church basements to Carnegie Hall. • Park Row Associates, a leading group medical benefits consulting firm, has named Gina (Calise) Sahagian to the position of client consultant. Gina previously held positions with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, including actuarial director, director of financial forecasting and senior markets, and manager of nongroup rating and claim reserving. A resident of Saunderstown, RI, she holds a BA in mathematics from Boston College and an MBA from Bryant College. • Congratulations to Anne (Willwerth) '85

SCOTT GORDON '86



Former goalie Scott Gordon brings the same intensity he displayed as a player to his new job as head coach of the New York Islanders.

BEHIND THE BENCH

"You must have the mentality that you're going to win the Stanley Cup," says first-year New York Islanders head coach Scott Gordon '86. "Each year, 29 teams fail. But you have to enter every game with the belief that you're going to win."

A native of Easton, Massachusetts, Gordon led the Providence Bruins to the best regular season record in the American Hockey League last year—a run that helped him garner the league's coach of the year honors and earn his first NHL coaching job.

However, performing on hockey's biggest stage is nothing new for the former goalie. After leading Boston College to a Frozen Four appearance in 1985, he played in the NHL with the Quebec Nordiques and with the 1992 U.S. Olympic team in Albertville, France.

"There are some big hurdles this year," says Gordon, who inherited a squad that finished last in its division. "But the key is to replace individual goals with team goals and get everyone skating in the same direction."

Below, Gordon reflects on life on and off the ice:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

Playing in my first NHL hockey game with Quebec and then playing in the 1992 Olympics.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Marrying my wife and having two boys.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Winning the Beanpot in 1983 and reaching the Frozen Four in 1985.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

Winning the Stanley Cup and bringing home a gold medal in the Olympics.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU SING OF THE BC FIGHT SONG?

For Boston, for Boston, We sing our proud refrain...a little humming...and that just about does it.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I'm a lot calmer now that I don't have pucks flying at me.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE?

Always look for different ways to improve what you do.

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN THE FILM VERSION OF YOUR LIFE?

Al Pacino—just for his speech in *Any Given Sunday*.

WHERE DID YOU LIVE FRESHMAN YEAR?

Roncalli Hall on Upper Campus.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE BC CAMPUS?

In the goal or behind the bench.

FOR MORE Q&A WITH SCOTT GORDON, VISIT
WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI/GORDON.HTML

and **Chris Schmitt**, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in September. (See details in the 1985 column above.) • I got an e-mail from my friend **Ive Iguina**, who has three children with husband Juan: Natalia (12), Claudia (9), and Juan Pablo (6). Ive is still an attorney with Matta & Matta PSC, dealing mostly with malpractice suits on behalf of the defendants. She also teaches environmental law at Catholic University's Law School in Ponce, PR, where they live—in the house in which Ive grew up. • Peter '86 and **Marilee Denelle Bell** are Boston College Fund cochairs on the *Light the World* Campaign Council. Marilee is also a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College and the retiring chair of the council's Associates Committee. • That's all the news for now! Please take a moment to drop me an e-mail with your news.

1988

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I've come to realize that writing this column is like having a very low-tech Facebook page. • After 20 years, **Michael Notarianni**, formerly a roommate, currently a doctor, wrote to get back in touch. After BC and med school at Philadelphia's Hahnemann University, Michael interned at Georgetown and then went on to a cardiology fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. After three more "challenging" years in Syracuse, he left for his current practice in Arlington, VA. Michael has been happily married for 16 years to Kimberly and has two children, Spencer and Madison Rose. He adds that **Rob Sarlo** and family live in the same neighborhood, and their kids go to the same school. He also reports that **George Hutt** is recently married with one child, **Dave Ramirez** is married with two kids and living in New Jersey, and **Tom Bu** lives in Newton with his wife and two children. Unfortunately, Tom is no longer in touch with Bu T. Ful Eagle. • **Laura Nelson** also got in touch to say she is great and loving Brooklyn, where I promise to visit next trip back East. • **John Donnellan** is single, living in Boston, and still throwing wild parties. The most recent, called "Caged," was held in December and attended by many unnamed '88ers and several of Boston's "finest."

1989



REUNION 2009

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Classmates! When you receive this update, the reunion will only be a few months away. Again, the celebration is set for May 28–31, and two resources to keep you informed are the BC Alumni Association's reunion website (click on our class year) and the BC online community (which also hosts the full-text class updates each quarter). Sign up today! Below are the latest updates—full details online. Enjoy and I hope to see you in May! • Michael '90 and **Pamela Pochowicz Sousa** (pamela.sousa@comcast.net) welcomed their third son, Reilly John, on September 26. Pam is currently staying home with her very active brood in beautiful Boulder, CO. • **Tim Cooney** (TCooney@lsinvestmentadvisors.com) writes that his wife, Claire, just finished her radiology residency at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, and they are living in Maryland. Tim is a partner at LSIA, an investment group spun out from Loomis Sayles. He and Claire have two children, Caroline (6) and Donny (2). They look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. Tim got together with **Chris Cusack**, **Joe Popolo**, **Joel Wells**, and **Steve Spina** in November to watch the BC–Maryland game. • Rudy and **Lisa (Gill) Howard** (dandl-howard@msn.net) proudly welcomed baby boy Declan Peter on May 20, 2007, joining Christian (17), Ashlyn (13), and Gretchen (9). • Brett and **Kathleen McCarthy** (kzinzer@msn.com) had a baby girl, Jacqueline Therese, on September 18, 2008, joining Brendan (2) and Reagan (4). Kathleen also recently visited with **Maria Salomao Schmidt** on the Cape and enjoyed the privilege of becoming her fourth daughter's godmother.

• **Yvonne (Encarnacao) Blacker** (yblacker@verizon.net) and Marianne (Anzuoni) Supino '80 have joined together, along with a board of like-minded individuals, to establish Gathering Change, Inc., a nonprofit "grassroots charity that collects spare change from our homes, schools, places of worship, and businesses... and distributes the donations back into local food pantries and social programs in order to meet the immediate basic needs of citizens within our communities who cannot achieve this goal alone." The philosophy behind Gathering Change is to educate and inspire others to turn their compassion into action. While at Boston College, Yvonne was UGBC vice president of Women's Issues, and she also founded the Boston College Women's Network, a group of students and professors linked by their desire to create social change and to promote the advancement of women. Marianne and Yvonne are both residents of Lynnfield. Please read more about Marianne and this nonprofit group on the BC online community. • After graduation, **Carolyn Neu Sabo** (carolynsabo@yahoo.com) moved to Hoboken, NJ, where she experienced several life changes: In 2007, she married Eric Sabo, with **Jennifer Dunn** as maid of honor and **Gail Lavallee M.Ed.'90**, **Lisa (Contreras) Wilkes**, and Christine (Doyle) Gemici '88 in attendance. In April 2008, their daughter Laura Anne's delivery was assisted by resident John O'Brien '98. Carolyn and her family have now moved to Cape Ann. One thing unchanged: Carolyn still works at Bristol-Myers Squibb (as for the past 17 years). She would love to hear from classmates and looks forward to our reunion. • Finally, there were two reunions in Boston and New York City last fall. I didn't get the update on the New York City event, but in Boston, several gathered for the BC–Notre Dame game, including **Brendan Comito**, **Chris Bellonzi**, **John Pope**, **Georgia Critsley**, **Maria (Joseph) Peckham**,

HOW WOULD HENRY VIII USE AN ONLINE COMMUNITY?



- TO KEEP HIS ADDRESS UPDATED
(BRITISH MONARCHS MOVE AROUND A LOT)
- TO SIGN UP AS A CAREER MENTOR
(FOR OTHER RENAISSANCE MEN)
- TO MEET NEW PEOPLE (PROSPECTIVE QUEENS?)
VIA THE SOCIAL NETWORKING TOOL

WHAT WILL YOU USE THE NEW BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY FOR? VISIT WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI TODAY TO FIND OUT.

Laura Kivlan, Lorraine Haley, Helen Gaudette, and a few I have missed. **Liz Boyle** and I joined for one beer before heading to the game... in the rain. • Please send in updates from any gatherings I have missed!

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Mike and Lisa (Buonpane) Kart welcomed their first child, Quinn Ulo, on September 14. The Karts live in Austin, TX. • **Colleen and Frank Doogan**, MA'92, welcomed the arrival of their third child, Declan Robert, on October 30. Declan has two adoring older siblings: Conor (3) and Abigail (2). Frank wishes all '90ers a happy and prosperous 2009! • **Brian Hammer** accepted an assistant professor position in the School of Biology at Georgia Tech (though still a confirmed Eagles fan, I'm sure!) and moved the family to Decatur, GA, in June. • **Rita Rodin** married Stephen Johnston on September 28, 2008, at St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church in Englewood, NJ. The outrageously fabulous reception was held at the Pleasantdale Château in West Orange, and the couple left for a honeymoon in Thailand shortly thereafter. I don't have a sufficient word allowance to name the entire BC contingent that attended; suffice it to say, the Class of 1990 was well-represented! Stephen is from across the Pond but has relocated to New York to make his home with Rita. • **Ken Forton**, JD'01, celebrated his 40th birthday in November and introduced his friends to the world's oldest continuously played racquet sport, court tennis, at the Tennis & Racquet Club in Back Bay. Leave it to Kenny to take up the sport of kings! Ken and wife Jessica live in Roslindale, and Ken is a magistrate judge for the City of Boston.

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News has been slow this time around. I'm usually watching word counts, and this time I have all the space in the world! Please be sure to send in the latest updates on yourself, your family, and your fellow BC alumni.

• **Sean Salene** sent an update from Baghdad, where he is currently deployed as a strategic planner with Multi-National Force-Iraq. When he wrote, he was working in the U.S. Embassy Annex, which was located in one of Saddam's former palaces on the Tigris River. Sean writes, "Many things are changing here. The security gains of last year's surge are real; the gains are fragile and reversible, but a number of people are tired of the violence. Political progress comes in fits and starts, but it is progress. We see a number of former insurgents who seek to reconcile with the government and address their concerns in the political system. As long as our nation does not lose its will, then the sacrifices of so many Americans and Iraqis will not have been in vain—we will bring some measure of stability, and peace, to this troubled land." Sean's boss's daughter is a senior at BC, providing him with company while watching the BC games! I know I speak for many in thanking Sean for being one of the many brave troops working for peace in Iraq. • Congratulations to **Christopher S. Conley**, who has been elected the 52nd president of the Boston College Varsity Club for 2009. Chris was a member of the track and field team while at BC. • Have a wonderful spring and don't forget to write!

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Marc Manahan is a vice president of financial planning and analysis at Univision in New York City. He lives in Morristown, NJ, with wife Ann Marie and their two children, Madeleine (7) and Jack (4). Marc keeps in touch with **Tim and Cheryl (Simrany) Thomas**, **Victor Mendoza**, and **Jamie Oberman**. • After a few years at home with the children, **Maria Hight Resnick** recently returned to work as a study coordinator for Great Lakes Medical Research in Westfield, NY, focusing on the treatment of type 2 diabetes and hypertension. • **Shamael Mustafa** relocated to Houston to marry his wife, Abeer. Shamael is a vice president and marketing manager in the Retail Banking Division of Capital One. The couple recently welcomed twin boys, Imaad and Adeem. • **Ingrid Chiemi Schroffner**, JD'95, appears in the 2009 Beautiful Lawyers calendar, which features attorneys throughout Massachusetts who are doing things of interest, in conjunction with or aside from law, to help break down perceived stereotypes about lawyers in

the state. Ingrid was selected because of her involvement with the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts, her activities as a musician, and the time she has devoted to her community. • **John Bolger** is working as an attorney and literary agent. His areas of practice include litigation, appellate representation, and intellectual property. He is currently on the boards of two charitable organizations and two companies, and he fundraises for a television and film company. John has a Ph.D. in creative writing as well as a law degree. His most recent literary work appeared in the *Cream City Review* (Spring 2008). He and wife Kerry live in Milwaukee and are busy raising three highly active sons: Michael (5), Conley (2), and Charlie (6 months). • **Julie and Kevin Davis** currently live in Ashburn, VA. In December 2007, they welcomed to the world their third child, Mackenzie. That breaks the tie between their other two children, daughter Taylor and son Brett. In March 2008, Kevin was promoted to vice president at Oracle Corporation and is now running the Department of Defense technology sales business for Oracle. • **Jon Romano** is a tax partner at Morneau & Blanchette in Natick, where he's been for 10 years. His wife, **Ann Marie (Cronin) Romano**, is a speech pathologist, and they live in Hopedale with their three children: Olivia (8), Lily (5), and Nicholas (4).

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Pete Hogan, JD'98, MBA'98, is a partner at Richardson & Patel, LLP in Los Angeles, where his practice area is corporate and securities law. He was disappointed that he had to miss our reunion but went to Sweden for the wedding of Keith Shea '95. • **Phil and Jeanie Zmijewski-Taddeo** welcomed twin girls on June 4, 2008. Gillian Alyssa and Giavanna Clare arrived at only 31 weeks but did just great! Jeanie is working in Royersford, PA, as an eighth-grade Spanish teacher, while Phil is a senior manager at the Vanguard Group. Jeanie's father, Ed Zmijewski '54, is quite the proud grandfather of the new twins! • **Jacob Peter Katz** joined Paul and **Sharon (Grazioso) Katz** on June 20, 2008, and is proudly named in honor of two great-grandfathers. The Katzes live in Waltham in a neighborhood full of Eagle alumni of all ages, so Jacob should be

learning the words to "For Boston" fairly soon. • **Bob and Maura (Kelly) Lannan** of Potomac, MD, are pleased to announce the birth of their son Robert Woodrow Lannan IV on January 17, 2008. Robert joins his sister, Margaret Mary "Peggy" (2). • **Amy (Bauer) Dowling** and husband Rob celebrated their daughter's second birthday; Kathryn Louise was born in June 2006. Big brother Brian (5) enjoys his little sister. Amy is working at Avon Old Farms School in Avon, CT, as bookstore manager and enjoying the flexibility of working near home. Rob was just promoted to dean of academics at the school. They celebrated their eighth anniversary this past August. • **Dilip Paliath** was invited to be a guest on the Ron Smith Radio Show on August 19, 2008, to discuss his article posted on Baltimore's Examiner.com. • In October, **Christopher Woods** was selected by the *Boston Business Journal* as one of its "40 Under 40" honorees for 2008. The award recognizes "outstanding professionals under the age of 40 for their business success and community contributions." Additionally, he was promoted to regional manager at Google. • **Stephen and Jennifer (Viklund) Smith** welcomed their third child, Benjamin Roy, on June 2. He joins big brother Daniel (4) and sister Madeline (2). They reside in Acton. • **Eric and Jennifer (Landry) Trenaman** welcomed their fourth child, Abigail, in September 2008. Abby joins big brothers Jackson, Dylan, and Hunter. They live in Port Washington, NY.

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Thanks for your notes, but I'd love to get more! Please take a moment to send a quick note for me to include in the next issue. • First, a correction. Last issue's notes indicated that **Courtney Rau**, M.Ed.'98, is a member of the Mansfield School Committee. She is actually on the Norwood School Committee. Courtney did teach in Mansfield, but now is in Newton. • **Will and Carolyn (McKenna) Enestvedt**, Colleen (8), Owen (5), and Connor (3) warmly welcomed Molly Frances on January 24, 2008. Molly was outfitted with a cheerleader uniform for the BC football season! • **Tim and Tracy (Donohue) Hunt**, M.Ed.'98, welcomed their third child, Taylor Kellen. Taylor joined sister Sara and brother Connor at home in Ridgefield, CT. • **John Shahdanian** and **Fernando Pinguelo**, JD'97, were named by

the *New Jersey Law Journal* as top "40 Under 40" lawyers. • **Gina and Roger McAvoy** and their child are still living in Hong Kong. After 12 years with Thomson Financial and Tradeweb, Roger recently started a job with MSCI Barra as head of equity analytics product for Asia Pacific, Australia, and Japan. • **Meghan (McAuley) Davis** is living in Greensboro, NC, with husband Paul and their sons McAuley (2) and Porter (1). Meghan is the clinical director of the Kids Path program of Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, which provides comprehensive end of life and bereavement care for children coping with chronic illness and loss. Meghan says she has had a lot of fun lately catching up with BC friends through Facebook! • **Chris Jeszenszky's** father wrote in to tell us about Chris's notoriety as a cartoonist. Chris, a major in the Army, has been deployed twice to Iraq and recently returned to the United States from Heidelberg, Germany. While deployed, Chris drew a cartoon every day and had a book of the cartoons published by an Iraqi publisher. I was lucky enough to get a copy of some of the cartoons. Chris is now working on a master's in public administration at Harvard's Kennedy School and lives in Boston with his wife and daughter. Welcome home, Chris, and we're grateful for your service. • Finally, *save the date* for our 15th (gulp!) reunion weekend, May 28-31, 2009! Watch for the reunion brochure in the mail in early spring, and visit www.bc.edu/reunion for all the latest information.

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"We can always find something to be grateful for," wrote Albert Barnes, "no matter what may be the burden of our wants, or the special subject of our petitions." As I sit down to write this column, it is Thanksgiving week, and when I reflect upon the many things for which I am grateful, I think of friends old and new, of places changed and unchanged, of endings and beginnings, and I am conscious that these words won't see print until the deep of winter, at the start of a new year. • **Jennifer Burkart**, who lives in Münster, Germany, e-mailed me at the beginning of November with the news that WDR Germany, seeking Americans living abroad, had televised an interview with her and her husband about

the American presidential election. If you'd like to see the interview online, please contact me at the class notes e-mail address. • **Brian Kelly** wrote to me that he and his wife, Molly (Connor) Kelly '94, welcomed their third child, Maggie Kelly, this past July. She joins Regan Anne (4) and Aidan Patrick (2). Molly is full-time at home, trying to keep up with the kids, and Brian is full-time at work, as president of Infohrm, a global workforce analytics/planning firm. Welcome to the world, Maggie! • In other news, **Tanya K. Oldenhoff** has been named cochair of the New Lawyers Section of the Boston Bar Association. The New Lawyers Section assists attorneys of all ages in their first decade of practice. Members practice in every professional setting and in every area of law. Tanya practices at Sloane and Walsh, LLP, and is a 2000 alumna of Suffolk University Law School. • Please remember that you can submit your updates online at www.bc.edu/alumni/association/community.html. You can also look up bc95.classnotes@gmail.com on Facebook. • I end this update with news of the passing of two of our classmates. **Bruce F. Browning** of Revere passed away on October 29, 2008. **Bridget K. (Bomberger) Slotemaker** of Portland, OR, passed away on August 12, 2008. A former director of human resources for PricewaterhouseCoopers, Bridget leaves her husband and two daughters, as well as her parents, brother, and grandparents. Condolences and prayers for comfort go out to their families and friends, with apologies and regrets that this column can report only their names and their passing, not who they were and who they are, nor how they laughed and loved and lived.

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Congratulations to **Maura (Hazelton) and Mike Cappiello**. Their daughter Lindsey Jane was born on September 9. Lindsey is the third girl in the family, following big sisters Meredith and Quinn. The Cappiellos live in Basking Ridge, NJ. • **Nicolette Manahan** married Adam Bryan on September 13 at Wente Vineyards in Livermore, CA. The couple met when they both worked in the Public Finance Division of Morgan Stanley in New York City. **Amy (Inlow) Tisler** and **Tom Hohensee** attended, and Nicolette's brother Noel Manahan '00 was a groomsman. "The weather was perfect for our outdoor event, and

I think everyone truly had an enjoyable time," Nicolette says. "We honeymooned in Fiji, and it was amazing!" They are living in the San Francisco Bay area. Adam is still at Morgan Stanley, and Nicolette worked most recently at Gap Inc. • Finally, on October 17, **Juan Alexander Concepción**, a business litigation associate in the Boston office of Nixon Peabody, was honored at an event celebrating "20 on the Move: Hispanic executives making a difference in Boston." The list was compiled by the *Boston Business Journal* in partnership with *El Planeta*, a regional Hispanic newspaper. Juan is a Quadruple Eagle, having earned a bachelor's, master's in education (1997), and joint law-business degree (2003) from BC.

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Brian and Liz (Taranto) Millett had a baby boy, Michael Brian, on May 28. He joins his big sister, Katherine, who went to her first BC football game last fall and had sooooo much fun. She loved wearing her Superfan T-shirt. • **Stan and Michelle (Kenney) Wright** had twin girls, Keelyn "Keely" Michelle and Kaitlyn "Katie" Montana, on September 28, 2008. They join their big brother, Keagan. • **Mike McGuire** married Kourtney Knop on October 11, 2008, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Madison, WI. The reception was held at the Memorial Union Tripp Commons on the campus of the University of Wisconsin—Madison. BC alumni in attendance were **T.C. Macker**, John McGuire '93, **Brian Merges**, and Sammy Park '98. The couple met while attending Seton Hall University School of Law. Kourtney is currently clerking for Hon. Edward T. O'Connor Jr. in Jersey City, and Mike recently joined the firm of Lowenstein Sandler PC in Roseland, NJ. He formerly practiced at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP in New York. • Looking back, 2008 was a busy year for **Holly (Schwartz) and Mike Pomraning** of Madison, WI. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and welcomed the arrival of their third son, William. Mike joined information security start-up Nemean Networks as its director of engineering. Holly earned her JD and is an associate in the Labor and Employment Practice at Foley & Lardner LLP. • On October 9, 2008, Danielle and **Mike Bianco** welcomed the start of their new family with the birth of twin sons, Alexander Michael and Lucas James. • **Anthony**

THE WORLD AT HIS FINGERTIPS

For a world traveler like Bernardo Hernandez, MS'95, geographic information is essential. As worldwide director of marketing for Google Maps and Google Earth, he's making sure everyone charts his company's latest innovations.

Hernandez, a native of Salamanca, Spain, attended a Jesuit university in Madrid and came to Boston College to study finance. After working as an analyst for Fidelity and Putnam, Hernandez returned to Spain and hit it big with two online businesses—Idealista.com, Spain's leading online real estate site, and Tuenti.com, the country's largest social network.

In high demand, Hernandez accepted an offer from Google executive (and former classmate) Nikesh Arora, MS'95, to build the company's marketing and product operations in Spain, which soon led to his current work with Google Maps and Google Earth.

"In the future, our goal is to become the largest and most widely used geo platform," says Hernandez. "Eighty percent of the information that is available online can be displayed on a map. Our goal is to make sure all that information is accessible and useful."

Below, Hernandez navigates through some pressing questions:

WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING MOMENT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE?

When my two Internet ventures became #1 in Spain. I still can't believe that something created out of nothing grew to be so big.

IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

Seeing my mother survive each of the three open-heart surgeries she's had over the past 30 years.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST BC MEMORY?

Spring days lying on the grass outside Bapst Library.

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT GOAL?

To make Google Maps the most efficient platform for geo-related information around the world. We're almost there...

HOW MUCH CAN YOU SING OF THE BC FIGHT SONG?

The end.



Bernardo Hernandez has enjoyed his share of Internet success as an entrepreneur in Spain and as a Google marketing executive.

HOW HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE GRADUATION?

I realize the little that I knew about everything: corporate culture, entrepreneurship, even love.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON IN LIFE?

Be humble, praise other people's virtues, and work as hard as you can.

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO EACH DAY?

Having fun in what I do. If I don't make sure I'm having fun, no one will have it for me.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE THE MOST?

My mother and my two mentors: Nikesh Arora, MS'95, and Patrick O'Donnell, who recruited me at Putnam.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON THE BC CAMPUS?

St. Mary's Chapel.

FOR MORE Q&A WITH BERNARDO HERNANDEZ, VISIT
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On November 4, 2006, **Tracy Martin** married Michael Fitzgerald (St. Anselm '98) in St. Ignatius Church. BC '98ers in attendance were **Jennifer (McLean) Romanski**, **Kristin (Lovell) Shepherd**, and **Kristen Johnson**. **Becky Frett** and **Nick Bove** were the gift bearers. Tracy and Michael met while living in New York City but have since moved back to Massachusetts and bought a house in Reading. • **Peter Trivelas** was married on February 22, 2008, to Janel Liana Ricci at the CuisinArt Resort on the island of Anguilla. They were barefoot in the sand, with waves crashing in front of them and steel drums playing in the background. **Mark von Treskow** and **Andre Lavoie** were in the wedding party. The couple met in Boston in 2003 and divide their time between New York and Boston. Pete is working as a commercial real estate broker at UGL Equis, in the same job he started after graduating. • **Charlie and Michelle (Breitman) Hipwood** welcomed their first child, Zoey Ruth, on January 14, 2008, in London. • **Thomas and Valerie (Pellegrini) Clark** also welcomed a baby girl, Kathryn "Kaci" Taylor, on July 16, 2007. Both Valerie and Thomas work for Accenture in Boston: Val in human resources and Thomas in the consulting practice. They live in Marlborough. • **Carolyn and Fergus O'Donoghue** welcomed their first child, Tadhg Joseph, on January 6, 2008, in Seattle. Fergus recently joined Microsoft, where he does strategy in the Entertainment and Devices (Xbox, Zune) Division. • **Nicole and Robb LaBossiere** welcomed a baby girl, Madeline Claire, on May 14, 2007. They live in Marblehead. Robb is still selling and leasing commercial office space in the Greater Boston market. He went to the BC-Clemson game at Clemson with **Conor Byrne**, **Scott Johnson**, **Ian Rogan**, and **Jay Campbell**. • **Jen (Coyle) Sapak** and husband Jan welcomed a second child, Bridget Marie, on September 1, 2007. Big brother Oliver Jan turned three this past November. They are still living in Westwood. • **Margaret Slattery**, M.Ed.'03, married Andrew Kara on August 18, 2007, at St. Ignatius, with a reception at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy. Attendees

included **Izabela (Sucheck) Hallett**, Danielle and **Christopher Figoni**, and Alexandra (Rueckel) '01 and **John Bello**. Meg is working as a fourth-grade teacher for the Boston Public Schools, and Andrew is a real estate attorney in Boston. The couple reside in West Roxbury.



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Hello, Class of 1999! Our reunion is soon approaching. Be sure to reserve the weekend of May 29 for all the events. Join the Boston College Class of 1999 group on Facebook to keep up to date on reunion details. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces...time to share old stories and create new memories. As you plan your return to BC, please also consider a donation as a way to give back. The Class of 1999 has a goal of percent participation (705 gifts). Can you be one of the 705? • On to the updates! **Jason Szatkiewicz** was married on September 13 in Portland, OR. Jason has been working in corporate finance and strategy in the Seattle area since graduation. • **Catherine (Schaber) MST'01** and **Danielle Murray**, M.Ed.'03, announce the birth of son Michael "Hank" in March 2008. • **Lindsey (Higgs) Sodano** announces the birth of her second child, Maeve Catherine, on November 7, 2008. Lindsey lives in Cincinnati with husband Justin and son J.R. • **Gerard O'Shea** is officially off the market! He got married in upstate New York. The intimate wedding was attended by **Chrissie (Sullivan) '01** and **Pat McMahon** along with **Mike Michaud**. • **Gwen (Cherne) Neely** graduated from NYU's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service in May; she is working for the next year as a community development specialist in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Her husband, **James Neely**, graduated from Fordham Law School in May and works for the Bronx DA. • On August 23, 2008, **Edward Zacharias** married Amy Martin '00, MSW'05. BC alumni in attendance were Daniel Zacharias '98, **Matt Whitbread**, **Matt Larson**, **Chrissie** and **Patrick McMahon**, **Steven Rossetti**, **Leighton Core**, **Eric Graham**, **Jason Ruel**, and **Mike Lombardo**. Edward and Amy live in Charlestown. • On August 9, 2008, **Collin Ely** married Cynthia Burgdorfer in Old Lyme, CT. They are currently both pursuing their master's degrees in Connecticut and living in Wilton while working for Wachovia Bank and Stamford Hospital, respectively. Other

alums at the wedding were **Melissa Ely '02**, **Nicole (Aurillo) '00** and **Daniel Lacz MS'04**; **Laura (Funken) '00**, **MBA'06**, and **Matt Chabot**; **Jonathan Sevigney**; **Christopher Bulens**; **David Hadly '00**; and **Kevin '00** and **Lisa (Frias) English '00**, **MS'06**. • **Reid and Brynn (Rail) Rose** welcomed a baby girl, Emily Veronica, in December 2007. • **Michael and Katie (Wickham) Alf** welcomed their first child, Sarah Anne, on May 19. They are living outside Chicago and enjoying life as parents. • **Dennis and Colleen (Connors) Peters** welcomed their first child, a daughter named Reagan, on August 21, 2008. They live in North Attleboro. • **Brandon Theodore Hill** was born on March 28, 2008, to Jason '96 and **Stacy (Santos) Hill**. Brandon's cousin, **Nathan Peter Shatkus**, was born just one month later on April 29, 2008, to **Craig and MaryKate Hill-Shatkus**. • **John and Kara (Conroy) Russo** welcomed their third child, Amber Leigh, on August 8, 2008. Their other children are **Brady Matthew (3)** and **Avery Lynn (2)**. The family lives in Germantown, TN. • **Greg and Karen O'Brien Hisenberg**, M.Ed.'00, are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Lucia Beatrice, on February 3, 2008. Lucy joins big brother **Sam (3)**. • In August, **Christopher '97** and **Tara (Krissik) Ferragamo** welcomed a daughter, Brenna Catherine. She joins big brother **Rian (2)**. • Keep the updates coming, and we look forward to seeing many of you on the Heights in May.

2000

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Happy new year, Class of 2000! • **Matthew Blake**, vice president of investments, Private Client Division, at Oppenheimer & Co., has been accepted into the Master in Public Administration Program at Harvard University. He and wife **Karine** celebrated their first wedding anniversary by visiting family in Tokyo. • **Chris McTammany** launched a T-shirt brand last spring called Royalteaze.com. In addition, he runs a hedge fund headhunting business in New York City. • **Michael Cotton** has been named an assistant coach for the Bucknell University basketball team. • **Kerry Griffin**, **Myrna Gunawan**, **Andrea Lang**, **Rebecca Moore**, and **Martina Pugni** celebrated their birthdays in Puerto Rico. They, along with **Nicole Capuano Ball**, meet often in New York City for dinner. Rebecca is a litigation defense attorney,

and one of her recent cases was featured on NBC's *Dateline*. Andrea works as a PR consultant and has had multiple TV appearances, including on the CBS *Morning Show* in her role as a New York City-based fitness instructor. Nicole is married and recently had her first baby, a boy named Alexander. Myrna was recently promoted to a new position as a planner at West Elm. Kerry is a state health policy advisor at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP. • **Elisabeth Sullivan** married Matthew Greaney on October 27, 2007, in Hingham. • **Krista Zilnicki** married Richard Drew in Bridgehampton, NY, on September 13. • **Thomas Joyce** married **Megan Meehan** at St. Patrick's Church in Stoneham. Thomas is now director of men's basketball operations at Boston University. • **Megan Gerson** married Andrew Rhodes on July 19, 2008, in Washington DC. After honeymooning in Tanzania, they returned to Washington to live and work. • **Joe Doumar** married Jeannine Blake on November 1, 2008, in Merrick, NY. • On June 28, **Mike** and **Katie Richter Long** welcomed their first child, Charles Michael. The family lives in New Jersey. • Mike and **Megan Collier Reilly** welcomed their first child, John "Jack" Patrick, on July 20, 2008. The family lives in Brighton. • On August 18, Mary and **Matt Warner** welcomed their first child, Alexandra Marion. • After moving back to Boston from Ireland, **Kate (Sullivan)** MA'07 and **Michael Sutphin** MS'01 welcomed their first child, Molly Helene, on August 27. • **Brian** and **Tricia (Navin) McBride** welcomed their first child, Delaney Kate, on October 10, 2008. The family lives in Connecticut. • Dan '97 and **Ashley (Miller) Kalosieh** welcomed their first child, Elizabeth Grace, on October 27. • Thank you for sharing your news with the rest of the class!

2001

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Namaste from India, Class of 2001! My family and I are glad to be in one piece after surviving the Mumbai terror attacks on November 26, 2008. We spent over 15 scary hours in the airport as refugees, but were treated as invited guests. It seemed as though the world was coming apart outside, but luckily all four of us are safe and sound, including our son who was only six months old at the time! I am glad to be here in Hyderabad, and will be home by the time you read this! I will be taking an extended break

from international travel. • On August 1, 2008, Nick '00 and **Tricia (Klemballa) Marino** welcomed their first baby, Mary Kate, into the world. She was also welcomed by family and friends, including her grandfather Chuck Klemballa '69 and her aunt Carolyn (Klemballa) Medler '98—they are so excited! Welcome, Mary Kate, and congratulations to the happy family! They live in Livingston, NJ. • **Mathew** and **Erin (Turick) Gooch** are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Peyton Mathew, born on September 10, 2008, in Stuart, FL. Peyton will be Class of 2030! He is the first grandchild on both sides of the family. • Best wishes to all!

2002

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Sean and **Natalie (Coutu) Monaghan** were married on August 7, 2004. On June 10, 2008, they had their second child, Kate Donnelly, who joins brother Owen Robert (2). Sean and Natalie moved to Providence, RI, in June 2006, where Sean is in his second year of residency in general surgery at Brown. Natalie, a licensed independent social worker, recently opened a private psychotherapy practice. • **Brian Kaufman** married **Kate Zimmerman** '03 on May 3, 2008, at St. Matthew's Church in Norwalk, CT. There were 34 BC alumni in attendance, including groomsmen **Jason Kaufman** '99; **Joel Pardalis**; **James Cardia** '01, Ph.D.'07; and **Chris Hancock** '99. Brian is director of business development for Accrue Sports and Entertainment Ventures in New York City, and Kate is manager of client consulting for the Nielsen Company—BASES in Westport, CT. • **Meredith Millet** married **Alan Rosen** on August 3, 2007. The ceremony took place at St. Peter's Church in Morristown, NJ. The bride's sister **Kelly Millet** served as maid of honor, and **Meghan Robinson** as a bridesmaid. In attendance were **Julie Dyer Wood**, **Meghan McClure Williams**, **Andrea Fox**, and **Ana Menezes**. The couple reside in San Rafael, CA. • **Celeste Sedo** and **Jay Tini** were married at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood, NJ, on August 2, 2008. The reception was at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough, NY. The wedding party included BC alums **Christopher Lillemoe**, **Thomas Sullivan**, and **Carolyn Feenaghty**. In attendance were **Elizabeth Henry**, **Lauren Miller**, **Rachael Tella**, **Kelly**

Boyle, **Cara Serio**, **Courtney Cocopardo**, **Courtney Alan**, **Alejandro Cortes**, **Sean Connelly**, **Angela (Brosnan) Walsh** '03, **Christopher Walsh** MBA'07, **Katie (Ryan) Kieran**, **Meghan (Elliott) Farrell** M.Ed.'03, **Glorimar Reuter**, **Richard Ridge**, **Adam Gottsch**, **Michael Bellezza**, **Rachel Parri**, and **Colin Gwin**. The couple reside in Red Bank, NJ. • **David McGowan** graduated from Suffolk University Law School in 2007 and is now serving as an assistant district attorney for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. David was recently named an "Up and Coming Lawyer" by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* after handling two first-degree murder cases before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. • **Kristy Cahill** married **Sean Jacobson** on July 26, 2008, at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco, and a reception followed at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Tiburon. The couple reside in San Mateo. Members of the classes of 2002 and 2000 were in attendance.

2003

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Mandy and **Chris Bodnar** announce the arrival of their first child, Ayelen Jeanne, on September 10, 2008, at St. Joseph's East Catholic Hospital in Lexington, KY. Chris graduated from Texas Law this past May; he is now clerking for Hon. Danny C. Reeves, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Later this year, the Bodnars plan to return to Mississippi, where Chris will be clerking for Hon. Leslie Southwick, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. • **Erica Camilo** married **Christopher Michael DiNitto** (cousin of her longtime BC roommate **Janessa Buttarro**, MS'04) on August 16, 2008, in Brant Beach, NJ. Janessa served as maid of honor, while fellow BC alums present included **Justin Fredericks**; **Michelle Kozlov** '02, JD'05; **Lauran Mateus** '04; **Richard Mosback**; and **Kristin Plude**. Erica, who earned her MS from BU in 2005, is currently manager of account services for BluePoint Venture Marketing in Lexington, MA. Christopher is a mechanical engineer for a large defense contractor in Nashua, NH. • **Femaris Peña** and **Gabriel Verdaguer** were married on February 17, 2008, at St. Ignatius in Chestnut Hill. The reception was held at the Atkinson Resort and Country Club in Atkinson, NH. Alumni in attendance included **Sherar Andalcio** '05,

Geraldo Caba, Pope Carlos, Sabian Cheong '02, Steve Cordova, Michael Fusilli '05, Ashley Goebertus, R. Vincent Lake II '01, Denise Linares, José Lopez '05, Peter Markovics, Brendan Moloney '04, Katherine Reinoso, Robert Santiago, Ryan Sullivan '05, Ilyitch Tabora MSW '05, and Rebeca Wolfe-Lameiro '04. • Jeff and Kristine (Carpi) M.Ed. '05 Kuntz welcomed a son, Jackson Jeffrey, into the world on August 30, 2008, in Boca Raton, FL. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing well. • Sadly, we lost our classmate Jason D. Peary of Woburn on June 30, 2008. An employee of WITS Corporation and an EMT, he is survived by his parents, sister, and paternal grandparents. • Happy new year, Class of 2003! Please send updates to me at kruseta@gmail.com.



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I caught up with **Brianne Moskovitz** and **Laura Sanchez Cross** at the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco. **Ally Willson Dudas**, MA '07, also ran the race to support Team In Training, which benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. • **Dana Lopreato** married **Jarrold Phipps** on August 16 at St. Ignatius Church. Classmates in the bridal party included **Elizabeth**

studying to be a nurse practitioner. • **Ogieva Guobadia** married **Jessica DeWitt** '05 at Old North Church on November 29, 2008. Stephen Allen served as best man. The bridal party included the couple's classmates **Kevin Hoskins**, **Geoffrey Lee**, and **Jesse Ohrenberger** '05. Ogieva is an investment banking associate for Herbert J. Sims in Long Beach, CA, and Jessica has recently been admitted to practice law in California and serves as a judicial clerk. • Our 5th reunion will be held May 28–31. Information can be found at www.bc.edu/classes/2004 or by joining "Boston College Class of 2004 5-Year Reunion" on Facebook.

2005

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Katie Babinski and **Bryan Thompson** were married on September 6, 2008, on Long Island Beach, NJ. **Elizabeth Babinski** '02 was maid of honor, and classmates **Clare Inzeo**, **Christine McCarthy**, and **Lauren Baird** served as bridesmaids. **Michael Bonsignore** and **Doug Wakefield** were in attendance. • **Ryan Sullivan** was hired as an assistant district attorney for the Middlesex District Attorney's Office fall 2008 class. Ryan previously participated in Suffolk Law's

of Boston College's After Hours Theatre, which annually produces an evening of student-written short plays. • **Benjamin and Laura (Goodhue) Knappmiller** are happy to announce their marriage on September 20, 2008, in Laconia, NH. They currently reside in Jamaica Plain. Their ceremony was performed by **Charles Joseph "C.J." Gangi**. Bridesmaids were **Jackie Horan**, **Colleen Thornton**, **Genevieve Peeples**, and **Caitlin Pletcher**. Groomsmen included **Thomas Hardej** '03, **Elizabeth LaRose** M.Ed. '06, and **Georg Wiese**, and **Justin Barrasso** served as a special assistant to the bridesmaids. Other alumni in attendance included **James McLaughlin**, **Gavin McGrath**, **JoAnn Amico**, **Christie Shay**, **Michelle Lawson**, **Nell Curran**, **Andy Meagher**, **Seth Hoy** '03, and **Jessica Supernaw** '03, JD '08.

2006

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In addition to working at JibJab.com, **Dan Milano** has been working on sketch videos on the Internet under the name Wooden Nickel Shorts. His video *Never Wake Up* was featured on CollegeHumor.com (www.collegehumor.com/video:1825589). His other videos can be seen at www.funnyordie.com/woodennickelshorts. • **Maggie Hurley** has accepted a position with RuffaloCODY at Boston College, working as the program director of the call center. She had previously been working at UCLA in a similar position. Maggie worked at the call center during her years as an undergraduate and accepted a full-time position with RuffaloCODY upon graduation in 2006. • **Megan Rulison** and **Ryan Scudellari** are happy to announce they were married on June 7, 2008, in Brant Lake, NY, surrounded by family and bunches of BC friends. They plan to move to Durham, NC, where Ryan will begin his Ph.D. in computer science at Duke University, and Megan will try her hand as a freelance writer. She received her master's in science writing from MIT in October. • On October 26, BC alums **Anthony** and **William Nunziata** were featured on the front page of the "Art & Leisure" section of the *New York Times*. The brothers performed during the 19th annual Cabaret Convention, a series of four concerts held at Lincoln Center that featured a dozen performers singing two songs each evening. Anthony graduated with a BA in communication, William with a BA in theater arts. • We

Madeline Long '05 was the recipient of a 2008 After Dark Award for "outstanding performance in a play."

Cunney, **Erin Goulding** MA '06, **Taryn Marino**, **Kari Russ**, and **Kevin Wright**. The couple currently reside in South Boston. • **Brendan Housler** won the New York State Road Race Championships silver medal in cycling last summer. He is now cycling with the Dundee Brewing race team, with sponsors that include Bose Home Entertainment, Rudy Project, Ritchey, and others. • **David Perron** graduated from the St. Louis University School of Law in May. He now works for Helpler, Broom, MacDonald, Hebrank, Truce & Noce, a general civil litigation firm in Missouri and Illinois. • **Kimberly Chin** married **David Skovran** on August 23, 2008, in Westbrook, CT. They currently reside in New York City. Kimberly works for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as a senior associate, and David works for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York while in his third year at New York University. He is

clinical program, working as a student intern in Lowell District Court. While there, he had the opportunity to present and argue cases and arraignments before the court. Ryan is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School. • **Madeline Long** was the recipient of a 2008 After Dark Award for "outstanding performance in a play" for her portrayal of Toma Singerson in the world premiere production of *Soldiers: The Desert Stand*, presented by LiveWire Chicago Theatre. Madeline lives in Chicago and works as an account executive in PR for the arts at Carol Fox & Associates. As an actor, Madeline has performed in several Chicago productions and recently joined LiveWire Chicago Theatre as a company member. She will appear in Shattered Globe's production of Lillian Hellman's *The Little Foxes* at Victory Gardens Theatre this winter. She is founder

would also like to invite all graduates to visit the BC alumni online community and update your information. • Happy new year to all!

2007

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Congratulations to **Tatiana Lapchuk Hoff**, who recently married Jeffrey Hoff (MIT class of '06). The ceremony took place on October 19, 2008, at SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in South River, NJ. • **Shannon Keating** was profiled in the *Boston Globe* in September 2008. She is among a dozen BC graduate students in education who are working in Boston-area Catholic schools through a teaching-service program. Shannon is currently teaching at the Gate of Heaven Catholic School in South Boston. Read the full story at www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/09/27/bc_program_heaven_sent. • **Melissa Koski** was promoted to account executive at Edward Howard, an Ohio-based PR firm. Previously, Melissa had been an intern at the PR and marketing firms Sawchuk Brown Associates in Albany, NY, and Cone in Boston.

2008

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Greetings, Class of 2008! I hope the new year is finding you well! Your fellow Eagles have been busy in the months following graduation. • **Cara Caponi** recently accepted a position at Jesuit Volunteers International and over the next two years will be teaching English at Miguel Pro, a Jesuit school outside Tacna, Peru. • **Richard Kei** recently joined the firm Barnum Financial Group. • **Lanay Tierney** is currently working on her Ph.D. at the Max F. Perutz Laboratories in Vienna, Austria. • **Paul Rubin** has moved to Philadelphia and is working in enrollment management at Arcadia University in Glenside, PA.

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On September 30, 2008, Sovereign Bancorp Inc., parent company of Sovereign Bank, named **Paul A. Perrault**, MBA'75, president and CEO. • **William Butler**, MBA'86, was appointed president of on-demand software company iPipeline. Bill has an undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University.

• **Monica Chandra**, MBA '87, founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, is the retiring chair of the council's Marketing and Communications Committee. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • In October 2008, **Alfredo V. Martel**, MBA'90, joined Caribou Coffee Co. Inc. as senior vice president of marketing. Alfredo holds a BS in communications from Cornell University.

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In September 2008, **Jefferson Kita**, MA'81, was appointed vice president of engineering for Enservio Inc. Jeff is also the inventor of three software patents. • **Catherine Hughes**, MA'70, has been promoted to senior vice president at DTZ FHO Partners, a commercial real estate services firm in Boston. • The Schott Foundation for Public Education announced the promotion of **Cassie Schwerner**, Ph.D.'96, to vice president of programs. • **Jenny Rizzo**, MA'94, married Dana Irwin on September 20, 2008.

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Mary McManus, MSW'84, writes a monthly column in *The Warm Up*, the monthly newsletter of Janine Hightower's fitness company, Boston Home Bodies. She will be writing a monthly column to share her journey on the road to the Boston Marathon.

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In October 2008, **Seán Rowland**, M.Ed.'88, Ph.D.'92, was honored with the 2008 Ernst & Young Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year award. A Castlebar, Ireland, native, Seán is president and founder of Hibernia College, an online college that provides postgraduate programs in pharmaceutical medicine, primary teacher education, and financial management. While on the Heights, he established the Irish Institute at Boston College and the Center for Irish Management. • **Kristin Parent**, MA'03, has been appointed assistant director of graduate health sciences at Quinnipiac University. She and husband Jeffrey have two children. • In September 2008, former elementary school principal **Kristan Rodriguez** was appointed director of curriculum and instruction for the Georgetown (MA) Public Schools.

WCAS

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I recently met **Virginia O'Connell**, CSJ, '62 in my travels. Sister reports that she is the administrative assistant to the director of guidance at Matignon High School in Cambridge. She still resides at Maria Convent in Newton. • It was nice meeting John '57, MBA'72, and **Jeanne (MacDonald) Wissler** '88, MSW'94, at the Veterans Day memorial Mass. After the Mass, I had a nice chat with **Neil Cronin** '03. Neil reports that he has six children and eight grandchildren. I believe most if not all of Neil's children are graduates of Boston College. • Please note my new address—and please send me your news!

OBITUARIES

1930S

Joseph F. Brennan '39 of Guaynabo, PR, on January 3, 2005.

Thomas E. Gaquin '37 of West Roxbury on September 27, 2008. A former FBI agent, he leaves three daughters and nine grandchildren.

Vincent W. Johnson '39, JD'47, of San Diego, CA, on October 27, 2008.

Selwyn A. Kudisch, JD '37, of Chestnut Hill on February 26, 2007. He leaves his wife.

Anne Snow McCarthy, MA'37, of Belmont on April 3, 2008. The first woman to earn a master's in mathematics from BC, she taught at St. Mary's College, Hooksett, NH, and in the Cambridge School Department.

Wilfred E. O'Connell '39 of Norwood on October 9, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he leaves four siblings and three children.

1940S

Lawrence R. Babine '43 of Arlington on November 27, 2008. An Army veteran of World War II, he leaves a wife and four children.

William H. Boodro '48 of Chula Vista, CA, on October 24, 2008. A Marine bomber pilot during World War II and the Korean War, he was later a CPA and partner with Deloitte. He leaves his wife and four children.

Richard L. Buckley '42, MA'48, of Beverly on October 28, 2006. A World War II Coast Guard veteran and owner of Buckley Associates, he leaves his wife and four children.

Joseph P. Burke '49 of Peoria, AZ, on April 10, 2008.

Robert E. Clancy '47 of Braintree on November 21, 2008. A Korean War Navy veteran, he was a cardiologist and director of medical education at Carney Hospital. He is survived by a wife, three children, and five grandchildren.

Francis L. Colpoys '42 of Milton on October 5, 2008. A physician, he was a captain in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He leaves his wife and three children.

Daniel F. Cronin '43 of Haverhill on December 7, 2008. He was a Navy chaplain during the Korean War and a pastor in Boston area parishes for 60 years. He is survived by a brother and three sisters.

William H. Curley '48 of Needham on December 12, 2008. A World War II Army Air Force veteran, he was a partner at Arthur Andersen. He leaves four children.

Thomas F. Curry '43 of Needham on November 17, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he leaves three children and six grandchildren.

Bernard F. Downey '43 of South Brunswick, NJ, on November 27, 2008. A Rutgers University librarian and faculty member of the library school at Rutgers, he leaves two children and two grandchildren.

Joseph F. Howard, LLB'49, of Paxton on November 7, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he was an attorney and worked in the U.S. Foreign Service. He leaves a wife and three children.

Michael J. Kenny '45 of New Rochelle, NY, on October 8, 2008. An attorney and a World War II Navy veteran, he leaves a wife and seven children.

Archille J. LaFerriere '45, MA'50, of Framingham on November 7, 2008. He leaves a wife, four brothers, and five children.

Edward C. Lambert '43 of Needham on December 17, 2008. A Navy captain in World War II and the Korean War, he was a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, and assistant superintendent in Boston schools. He leaves 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Mildred A. McCarthy, MSW'40, of Boston on October 15, 2008. A mental health coordinator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Mental Health, she was also director of social services at Faulkner Hospital.

William J. McGair, JD'46, of Providence, RI, on October 28, 2008. A Naval Intelligence officer during World War II, he was an attorney and a probate judge. He leaves a wife, eight children, and seven grandchildren.

John F. Mitchell Jr. '42 of Wellesley Hills on October 26, 2008. A member of the Third Order of St. Francis and a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he leaves his wife and four siblings.

John D. Nicholson '49 of Clinton on October 12, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, Dr. Nicholson practiced internal medicine in Sudbury for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife, 5 children, and 11 grandchildren.

William F. Ring '49 of Barnstable on October 12, 2008. A research physicist for the federal government and a World War II Navy veteran, he leaves four children and four grandchildren.

James A. Rooney '44 of Reisterstown, MD, on October 17, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he leaves three children and four grandchildren.

James A. Ryan '47 of Lincoln on December 8, 2008. Founder of the James A. Ryan Insurance Agency in Newton, he leaves a wife, six children, and two step-children.

Simeon W. Saulenas '41 of Cambridge on November 9, 2008. A priest of the archdiocese for almost 62 years, he leaves a brother.

Thomas J. Soles '44 of Harwich on October 15, 2008. A member of the Boston College Club of Cape Cod, he leaves a wife and four children.

Daniel H. Sullivan Jr. '47 of New Durham, NH, on October 8, 2008. He leaves a wife, 2 siblings, 4 children, and 10 grandchildren.

Mary Kathleen Twomey '49 of Holland Patent, NY, on October 6, 2007.

1950S

Walter J. Boverini '50 of Lynn on November 29, 2008. An Army Air Corps gunner in World War II, he was a teacher, a state senator, and state Senate majority leader. He leaves a wife, two daughters, a grandchild, and two siblings.

Edmund M. Burke, MSW'56, of Cambridge on November 3, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he leaves a wife, a sister, four children, and five grandchildren.

Emile R. Bussiere Sr., JD'54, of Manchester, NH, on October 26, 2008. An attorney, he leaves a wife, three siblings, five children, and seven grandchildren.

James F. Callahan '54, JD'55, of Billerica on November 28, 2007. A World War II Navy veteran and an attorney, he leaves a wife, three siblings, three children, and three grandchildren.

Richard J. Calnan '50 of Cambridge on November 19, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he was a teacher, coach, and school administrator.

William H. Casey '56 of Greenville, SC, on September 29, 2008. A Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and an Army

veteran, he leaves a wife, a brother, and three children.

John J. Connell '50 of Los Angeles, CA, on September 14, 2008. An executive and a business owner, he leaves a wife, six children, and nine grandchildren.

Edmond P. Donlan '54, D.Ed.'76, of Fitchburg on November 24, 2008. He is survived by his wife, 8 children, and 14 grandchildren.

Connie Elston Dooley '50 of Marston Mills on November 1, 2006.

William D. Doyle '57, MS'59, of Tuscaloosa, AL, on September 20, 2008. A physicist in industry and director of Materials for Information Technology at the University of Alabama, he leaves a wife, a brother, four children, and six grandchildren.

Jon J. Feeney '50 of Brookline on November 24, 2008. President of Feeney & Co. Real Estate in Boston, he was a World War II Navy veteran. He leaves two sisters.

John A. Fernandes '50 of Revere on November 27, 2008. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was the proprietor of Johnny's Cab Company of Revere. He leaves a wife, 4 children, and 10 grandchildren.

Kenneth L. Flynn '52 of Williamsburg, VA, on September 21, 2008. A Foreign Service officer for over 30 years and a Korean War Army veteran, he leaves 5 children, and 13 grandchildren.

Ralph C. Galeota '50 of Dedham on September 27, 2008. A World War II Army veteran, he was an assistant principal in the Boston public schools. He leaves his wife and two children.

Francis Gassiraro '52 of Holliston on November 23, 2008. An associate professor at Boston University's Goldman School of Dental Medicine and a World War II Army veteran, he leaves a wife and four children.

Constance Glennon '55 of Vernon, CT, on October 13, 2008. A nurse and a Eucharistic minister, she leaves a husband, two children, seven grandchildren, five sisters, and three brothers.

James W. Hagan '59 of Lincoln, NH, on April 29, 2007.

Francis M. Hannon '51 of Belmont on November 23, 2008. A Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, he leaves 4 children, 22 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 2 siblings.

Francis R. Irving, MS'55, of Latham, NY, on October 18, 2008. An engineering geologist with the New York State Department of Transportation and a World War II Navy veteran, he leaves a wife, three children, and seven grandchildren.

Robert F. Jasse '54 of Walpole, NH, on November 2, 2008. A Navy veteran, chairman

and CEO of Chomerics, and creator of Alyson's Orchards, he leaves a wife, six children, and two step-children.

Thomas B. Kenney '56, MA'59, of Malden on October 20, 2008. He leaves a wife, four siblings, three children, and one grandchild.

G. Robert Kincade '52 of Sarasota, FL, on November 29, 2008. A vice president of sales at SmithKline Pharmaceutical Co., he is survived by his wife, 6 children, and 17 grandchildren.

John S. Langone '50 of Derry, NH, on January 4, 2009. An Army veteran, he was self-employed in sales for many years. He is survived by his wife, five children, and eight grandchildren.

Joseph P. Mahoney Jr. '50 of Hingham on October 20, 2008. A World War II Army veteran and a U.S. postal worker, he leaves his wife, 7 children, and 11 grandchildren.

Anthony P. Malinauskas, MS'58, of Kingston, TN, on November 13, 2008. Former director of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission programs at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, he leaves a wife, five children, eight grandchildren, and two siblings.

Helene I. Marsh '55 of Worcester on October 5, 2008. A nurse at Children's Hospital Boston for many years, she leaves two brothers and a sister.

Arthur L. McGovern '57 of Cape Coral, FL, on November 14, 2008. Former chief of surgery at Winthrop Hospital, he leaves a wife, four children, three step-children, and several grandchildren.

John J. McHugh, JD'52, of Waltham on November 12, 2008. A director of the Massachusetts State Police Forensic Laboratories and a World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he leaves a wife, a brother, four children, and eight grandchildren.

Edward M. McMahon '57 of Boston on December 1, 2008. A pastor, he is survived by two sisters.

John P. McMorro '55 of Boston on November 23, 2008. A World War II Navy veteran, he was a state representative, deputy mayor of Boston, and an administrator of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. He is survived by his sister.

Thomas W. O'Connor '53, MBA'70, of Milton on November 13, 2008. A Korean War Army veteran, he leaves a wife, a sister, 4 children, and 10 grandchildren.

Richard B. O'Meara '58 of Milton on October 26, 2008. A vice president of State Street Bank for over 45 years and a Korean War Army veteran, he leaves a wife and two children.

Lorraine Paille, CSC, MS'58, of Manchester, NH, on October 13, 2008. A teacher and

provincial supervisor at Notre Dame College and a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross for 64 years, she leaves a brother.

W. David Pike '58 of Melbourne, FL, on November 18, 2008. A Korean War Air Force veteran, he worked in research engineering for MITRE Corporation. He leaves a wife and three children.

Henry A. Ryce, MSW'50, of Hingham on August 27, 2008. Chief social worker for the Veterans Administration, Boston, and a World War II Army veteran, he leaves a brother and a son.

Richard T. Saunders '55 of New Bedford on November 30, 2008. A Navy veteran, former English teacher, and a funeral director, he was decorated by the Polish government for humanitarian work. He is survived by his wife, 8 children, and 17 grandchildren.

Mary L. Shea, CSJ, M.Ed.'58, of Framingham on November 12, 2008. A member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston for 69 years, she was a social worker, and a high-school principal.

Edward R.F. Sheehan '52 of Newton on November 3, 2008. An author and a journalist, he leaves three siblings.

Joseph D. Sheehan '52 of Charlestown on October 12, 2008. An accountant for Raytheon and a World War II Navy veteran, he leaves a wife, two siblings, two children, and three grandchildren.

Chester E. Small Jr. '56, MA'58, of Reading on December 16, 2008. A software engineer at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, he leaves his wife, two children, and three grandchildren.

David R. Smith '55 of East Greenwich, RI, on October 9, 2008. A retired salesman in the furniture industry, he leaves a wife, a sister, and two children.

A. Eugene Sullivan '53 of Winchester on November 11, 2008. A Korean War Army veteran, he leaves a wife, five siblings, three children, and four grandchildren.

Lawrence H. Sullivan '50 of Newport, RI, on October 29, 2008. An IBM corporate manager and an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he leaves three children and two grandchildren.

J. Daniel Walsh '50 of Needham on October 9, 2008. A senior vice president at the Bank of New England and a World War II Army veteran, he leaves a wife, eight children, and eight grandchildren.

1960s

Alice Catherine Anderson, SSND, MA'62, of Wilton, CT, on October 26, 2008. A

member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, she served as a teacher.

Frank A. Arricale '69 of Watertown on November 17, 2008. A director of communications for Boston Gas Company, he leaves three siblings and two children.

David W. Barry, M.Ed. '60, of Naples, FL, on December 5, 2008. A high-school teacher, he leaves a wife and four children.

Aram J. Berard, SJ, MA'61, of Weston on November 9, 2008. A member of the Jesuit community, he leaves two sisters.

Richard A. Burwell '66 of Natick on September 25, 2008. An Army veteran, he was a longtime computer programmer at Honeywell. He is survived by his wife, three siblings, three sons, and a granddaughter.

Philip J. Carney '62 of Danvers on September 29, 2008. A Marine Corps veteran, sales and marketing manager, and Little League coach, he leaves a wife, four sisters, and three children.

John J. Chizauskas '68 of Hanover on November 15, 2008. He is survived by his wife, three children, and two grandchildren.

Thomas J. Cosgrove '69 of Eastham on November 6, 2008. An employee at the New England Telephone Company for 32 years and an Army veteran, he leaves a wife and three children.

John C. Creney, JD '65, of Yarmouth Port on November 29, 2008. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Michael P. Crespi '66 of Westfield on November 11, 2008. An employee of R.J. Reynolds for 25 years and a member of the Army Reserves, he leaves a wife and two daughters.

Michael J. Cryan '64 of Falmouth on November 26, 2008. An Army veteran, he worked in human resources, sales, and nursing. He leaves three children, two grandchildren, and five siblings.

Ralph A. Fulchino '64 of Naples, FL, on December 1, 2008. A Navy telecommunications officer and special liaison to the White House with NSA, he later worked in executive management and started his own global services consulting company. He is survived by his wife, three children, four grandchildren, and four siblings.

Anne Meara Galbraith '66 of Scranton, PA, on October 26, 2008. She leaves a husband, a brother, and a daughter.

Francis X. Gallagher '63 of Quincy on November 23, 2008. An Air Force pilot, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in Vietnam. He is survived by two brothers.

William A. Gerson '68, MA'71, of Holliston on November 10, 2008. After a long career

in the Undergraduate Admissions Office and as a basketball public address announcer at BC, he taught high school. He is survived by his wife, three children, and a grandchild.

Camilla Ashley Jerominek '60 of New Hartford, NY, on January 7, 2008. A former nurse, she leaves a husband, five children, and four grandchildren.

Robert H. Kennedy '66 of Peabody on November 15, 2008. He leaves a wife, a brother, four children, and eight grandchildren.

James N. Kepple '60 of Wayne, PA, on September 20, 2007. He leaves three children, five grandchildren, and a brother.

Robert W. Locke '61 of Salisbury on October 30, 2008. A longtime employee at Raytheon and an Army veteran, he leaves a wife, three siblings, three children, and three grandchildren.

John R. Magrane '62 of Lynn on November 13, 2008. A Korean War Army veteran, he was an athlete at BC, a semi-professional baseball coach, and a longtime ANFO football official. He is survived by 6 children and 17 grandchildren.

Robert E. Manning, SJ, '60, MA'61, BD'68, of Cambridge on October 6, 2008. A provincial of the Society of Jesus, New England Province, he leaves two siblings.

Peter R. Markham '64 of Lowell on December 4, 2008. Owner of Peter Markham Real Estate in Lowell and a trustee of the Washington Savings Bank, he also served in the Army Reserves. He is survived by his brother.

Montrose P. McArdle IV '60 of Fort Walton Beach, FL, on January 26, 2006.

Robert W. McQueeney '64 of Manomet on December 1, 2008. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Paul R. Miles, MS'65, of North Scituate on October 20, 2008. A seismologist with Bolt, Beranek and Newman (now BBN Technologies) for 30 years and the 2004 Scituate Citizen of the Year, he leaves a wife, a sister, two children, and five grandchildren.

Peter C. Murray '63 of Cohasset on October 14, 2008. A Korean War Navy veteran, teacher, school principal, and real estate broker, he leaves a wife, four siblings, and a son.

John A. O'Keeffe '62 of Pembroke on October 28, 2008. A former Green Beret operative in Vietnam, he leaves a wife, a brother, and seven grandchildren.

Paul J. O'Rourke '66 of Dorchester on June 1, 2008. He was an attorney.

Henry L. Ouellette '62 of Lexington on June 3, 2008. He leaves a wife, three children, and four grandchildren.

Mary Laetitia Plona, CSSF, MS'63, of Enfield, CT, on September 27, 2008, at age 101.

A member of the Felician Sisters Congregation for 77 years and a former hospital director, she leaves five siblings.

John L. Stebbins Jr., MA'61, of Milwaukee, WI, on September 26, 2008. He leaves a wife, a sister, three children, and four grandchildren.

Marguerite E. Thomson '68, MA'73, of Scituate on November 10, 2008. A longtime English teacher at Boston College High School, she leaves three children and five grandsons.

Jane Mullowney Tyler NC'65 of Somers, CT, on October 23, 2008. A teacher in the Somers public schools, she leaves her husband and two children.

1970S

Dorothy Louise Benner, CAES'78, of Whitman on October 6, 2008. A teacher and principal at the Dyer School in Whitman for over 36 years, she leaves her daughter and two grandchildren.

Denise (Boyer) Brown '77 of Princeton, NJ, on December 1, 2008. A senior program analyst for the IRS, she leaves a husband, a son, and a brother.

Mary F. Costello, JD '79, of Boston on October 9, 2008. An attorney and adjunct professor at Northeastern University's College of Business Administration, she leaves three siblings.

George Pumphret Kelley, JD '74, of Boston on November 15, 2008. An attorney and a longtime IRS employee, he leaves a brother.

Elaine M. LaFerriere '75 of Worcester on October 15, 2008. She leaves five siblings.

Mark Lieberman, MA'72, of Brighton on November 17, 2008. He leaves two siblings.

John T. McEnaney, MSW'78, of Randolph on October 12, 2008. He was a psychologist and a psychiatric hospital administrator in Medfield.

Anthony D. Oliveri '72 of Derry, NH, on October 26, 2008. A teacher with the Everett public schools, he leaves a wife, three children, and three grandchildren.

Brian J. O'Neill '76 of New Orleans, LA, on June 26, 2008. A paleontologist and biostratigrapher for Shell International Exploration and Production, he leaves a wife and three children.

William Martin Saker '78 of Boulder, CO, on October 28, 2008. A psychologist and a member of the board of directors for the Center for People with Disabilities in Colorado, he leaves a wife and a sister.

William M. Tombari '71 of Derry, NH, on October 7, 2008. A physician, he was

chairman of Parkland Medical Center. He leaves his wife, three siblings, three children, and three grandchildren.

John F. Walsh, MAT'76, of Plainville on October 22, 2008. He was pastor of St. Martha Parish and chaplain for the Plainville police and fire departments. He is survived by three siblings.

1980s

Judy A. Brucks, MA'82, of Attleboro on November 3, 2008. A nurse-practitioner, an author, and a community activist, she is survived by her parents, a sister, and two children.

James Stephen Lawrence, MA'80, of Lowell on December 3, 2008. An Air Force major, he was a director and counselor of the Lowell Veterans Center and a longtime teacher at Fitchburg State College. He is survived by two children, two grandchildren, and three sisters.

Glenn J. Satty, Ph.D.'83, of New York, NY, on May 13, 2007.

Robert T. Scafura '88 of Sarasota, FL, on December 1, 2008. After a long career in finance with Deloitte & Touche, Conesco, and Metro Oil, he worked in commercial real estate. He is survived by his mother and his sister.

Lydia Xypteras, M.Ed.'81, of Brookline and Hull on November 29, 2008. A chef, culinary art teacher, and proprietor of Genesis Restaurant in Brookline, she leaves a husband and two children.

1990s

Bruce F. Browning '95 of Revere on October 29, 2008. An accountant and controller for Boston architectural and engineering firms, he leaves a wife, three siblings, four children, and seven grandchildren.

Peter S. Hogarty '94 of Marblehead on September 26, 2008. An outstanding football and basketball player, he leaves his mother and five siblings.

Philip William Mahoney, MA'94, of Fitchburg on November 11, 2008. An analyst at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Liberty Mutual Life Insurance Company in Boston, he leaves his parents, a wife, two brothers, and two daughters.

Cornelius Vermeule, H'95, of Cambridge on November 27, 2008. A senior curator at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and a prolific author, he leaves two children.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- **Mary Hawes**, of Needham, an employee in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Student Services from 1967 to 2007, on November 30, 2008, at age 95. She is survived by her daughter Mary Hawes Mahoney; sons Robert Jr., Philip, and Richard; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.
- **Stanley J. Bezuska**, SJ, of Weston, professor of mathematics and department administrator from 1939 to 2008, on December 27, 2008, at age 94. He is survived by his sister, Josephine Kososka.
- **Edmund M. Burke**, of Cambridge, dean of the Graduate School of Social Work from 1971 to 1976 and founder and director of the Center for Corporate Citizenship from 1985 to 1997, on November 3, 2008, at age 80. He is survived by his wife, Lee; sons Brian, Christopher, Thomas, and Ted; sister Lois Moody; and five grandchildren.
- **Lawrence Halpern**, of Dedham, lecturer in the operations and strategic management department from 1989 to 2006, on November 24, 2008, at age 74. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and sons David and Jeremy.
- **Archille J. "Archie" LaFerriere**, of Framingham, professor of mathematics from 1950 to 1985, on November 7, 2008, at age 85. He is survived by his wife, Rita; daughters Annette Tramontozzi, Cecile Harrington, and Suzanne Hughes; sons Richard and Leo; brothers William, Paul, Raymond, and Wilfred; and seven grandchildren.
- **William A. Gerson**, of Holliston, assistant director of the Alumni Association and associate director of undergraduate admissions from 1971 to 1993, and basketball public address announcer at Conte Forum from 1974 to 2001, on November 10, 2008, at age 62. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; daughters Marybeth Heyd and Megan Rhodes; son Brian; and one grandchild.
- **Jose Murcia**, of Lynn, a custodian since 1988, on November 8, 2008, at age 61. He is survived by his wife, Luz, and sons Nicholas, Jose Jr., and Juan.
- **John P. O'Brien**, of Hyde Park, a support services staff member in dining services since 1993, on December 31, 2008, at age 48. He is survived by his wife, Joan; sons Sean and Martin; mother Patricia; sisters Christine, Patricia Duncan, Mary Jane Bentley, and Carolyn Carter; and brothers Hugh and Daniel.
- **Martin Robles**, of Millis, a landscape worker and truck driver for facilities services since 2001, on November 26, 2008, at age 39. He is survived by his fiancée, Betsy Gonzalez; sons Justin and Brandon; and stepsons Jason and Daniel Gonzalez.

The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

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LIGHT·the·WORLD

150TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

ACHIEVING LIGHT THE WORLD'S ANNUAL GIVING INITIATIVE

BOSTON COLLEGE'S success has always been assured by those who've answered the call. Whether it was Boston's immigrant families who supported the school at its founding or the graduates who helped finance the University's move to Chestnut Hill, BC's strength comes from its numbers.

It's appropriate then that as Boston College approaches its 150th anniversary, the *Light the World* campaign seeks to inspire record numbers of alumni to give back to the University each year.

"Annual gifts are the lifeblood of the University," says campaign co-chair William J. Geary '80. "It makes possible so much of what makes BC special for both students and faculty. Whether it supports undergraduate financial aid, scientific research, or the performing arts, annual

giving makes an immediate impact on campus."

The campaign's specific goal is 40,000 annual donors and a consistent participation rate of at least 35 percent. Currently, only 25 percent of alumni donate annually—placing BC well behind competitors Notre Dame (51 percent), Duke (40 percent), and Georgetown (28 percent).

"The goal is ambitious, but it must be attained given what's at stake," says co-chair Kathleen McGillicuddy, NC'71. "Annual giving must increase if Boston College is to continue to be one of the nation's leading universities and fulfill the promise of the *Light the World* campaign. Annual funds allow BC to hire renowned faculty, to purchase books and research journals for O'Neill Library, and to provide the latest technology in classrooms and labs across campus, among myriad other uses."

LIGHT THE WORLD CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES

- » \$1.5 billion for vital priorities
- » Expanding volunteer service to Boston College
- » 40,000 alumni giving each and every year
- » Providing for future generations through legacy giving



GARY WAYNE GILBERT

A key focus of the *Light the World* campaign, annual giving helps provide Boston College students with financial aid opportunities, the latest technology and research capabilities, and access to the best professors.

Gifts of all sizes help BC meet such critical needs.

In fact, last year individual gifts of \$100 or less amounted to \$1.8 million. "This particular campaign goal is not about the strength of any one donation, but the collective power of all BC alumni," says Nicole DeBlois '99, co-chair of the Maroon & GOLD (graduates of the last decade) initiative, which has helped raise young alumni giving to new heights.

These recent graduates often choose to designate their annual gift to the school, program, or activity that made their own BC experience meaningful, and alumni from all classes can do the same. For instance, some GOLD

graduates choose to support the Appalachia Volunteers service program or the Church in the 21st Century Center. Others give to the Flynn Fund or donate directly to the Boston College Fund, which allows the University to decide where each gift can provide the most benefit.

"Boston College graduates take tremendous pride in their alma mater," says Geary. "We hope *Light the World* inspires alumni to turn this pride into a commitment to give back each and every year. These annual gifts play a crucial role in the success of every BC student and enhance the positive trajectory of the University."

MISSION STATEMENT

NEW SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY STRENGTHENS BC'S JESUIT, CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Established in June 2008 and already home to 315 students, Boston College's new School of Theology and Ministry (STM) is the first of several measures that will enhance the University's Jesuit, Catholic heritage thanks to funding from the *Light the World* campaign.

BC's first new professional school since 1952, STM is distinctive because it "continues the founding vision of the University and places BC in a unique position to educate both clergy and lay ministers for work in the

Church," says Dean Richard J. Clifford, S.J.

STM unites the former Weston Jesuit School of Theology and BC's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry with the religious programming of C21 Online and offers a full array of ministerial and theological courses while granting both master's and doctoral degrees.

The school is international in scope with approximately 25 percent of its students and faculty hailing from outside the United States. "This diversity speaks to the Jesuit

ideal of cooperation and will help STM fulfill its global mission," says Clifford. "But unlike divinity schools that are transdenominational, BC's School of Theology and Ministry maintains a strong Catholic affiliation. Firm in its own identity, it can reach out in open conversation with other churches and engage in interreligious dialogue."

The communication between STM's religious and lay students also speaks to its uniqueness. "We have Jesuits and those from other orders taking classes with lay students. We feel this diversity of thought will translate into priests who are better prepared to lead parishes or become theologians and lay ministers who are better trained for roles in

religious education, retreat work, or other parish duties," says Clifford.

The School of Theology and Ministry has received strong support from Jesuit authorities in both the United States and Rome and from the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education.

At the opening of STM, Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza put it this way: "The addition of a professional school focused on the formation of priests, lay ministers, and other religious is a natural and welcome manifestation of our ongoing evolution. This expansion was inevitable if Boston College is to live out its commitment to the Jesuit ideal of working in the world."

ILLUMINATIONS

Meaghan S. Casey '04

HOMETOWN
Atkinson, N.H.

OCCUPATION
Public relations account executive

FAVORITE BC ACTIVITY
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Why do you feel a close connection to Boston College?

It's difficult to believe that five years ago I was enjoying my final semester at the Heights. Today, I still feel very close to the University because of my BC friendships, which I continue to cherish, and because of BC's active alumni network, which helps me stay in touch with classmates and the latest campus news.

Why have you given to BC every year since graduation?

Upon graduation, I was fortunate to be hired by a BC alumnus and given a chance to pursue my public relations career. That sense of community means a great deal to me. Through my personal financial gifts, however small, I'm proud to show my gratitude and know that my contribution combines with all annual gifts to give current students the same opportunities that made my BC experience memorable.



MATTHEW HAKOLA

When did you realize that gifts of all sizes make a difference for BC?

As a student, I worked for BC's Corporate and Foundation Relations Office and learned firsthand what many students and alumni don't know—that every gift really does count. Whether directed toward financial aid or student programming, our gifts have a positive impact on BC's mission and its national ranking in *U.S. News & World Report*.

That's why *Light the World's* participation initiative strikes a chord with me. When we give together, we show our BC spirit while investing in the present and future greatness of our alma mater.

THE EYES HAVE IT

by Sue Rardin

The truth about fast-forwarding

Advertisers spent more than \$64 billion last year on television commercials, but many are increasingly worried that their ads are being overlooked as viewers with TiVo and other digital video recorders (DVRs) fast-forward through commercial breaks. They have reason for concern: By the end of this decade it is estimated that more than 40 percent of U.S. homes will have a DVR, and as one research report on DVR usage notes, “essentially all viewers fast forward through advertising.” In a study published in the November 2008 issue of the *Journal of Marketing*, two Boston College professors analyze what, if any, information viewers retain from exposure to fast-forwarded commercials.

S. Adam Brasel is an assistant professor of marketing who uses eye tracking technology to study how people watch new media such as web-based programs, video games, and podcasts; James Gips is a professor of computer science whose primary work has been the development of technology that allows profoundly disabled individuals to communicate with a computer through subtle eye or head movements. The two are codirectors of the Carroll School of Management Eyetracker lab, which has instruments that can identify, at 60 frames per second, a viewer's point of focus and degree of pupil dilation (a measure of attention).

For their study, Brasel and Gips showed subjects an edited, 24-minute nature program from the Discovery Channel that included five commercial breaks, or “pods,” each containing three to six advertisements. Forty-eight participants watched the program, alone. One-third were instructed not to fast-forward; one-third were told to fast-forward through the commercials (at the standard midrange speed of 20X); the others saw a version of the show in which fast-forwarding occurred automatically, allowing the researchers to study the effect of fast-forwarding on viewers who don't control the remote. As with home units, fast-forwarding eliminated the audio.

In all, the researchers reviewed upwards of 86,000 frames of data per viewer. They found that participants who manually fast-forwarded paid roughly the same amount of attention (measured by pupil dilation) during commercials as during the program itself. This appeared to confirm their speculation that fast-forwarders become goal-oriented viewers, watching for the end of a commercial

pod. By contrast, viewers who were passively exposed to fast-forwarding paid less attention during commercial breaks, as did regular-speed viewers.

Equally significant for advertisers, the research showed that all who witnessed fast-forwarding—whether they controlled it or not—focused almost exclusively on the screen's central area when they watched. “We were amazed,” Brasel says. They “just moved their eyes to the center of the screen and then didn't move them away.”

This focus did not necessarily translate into brand recognition. On a questionnaire completed after the program, fast-forwarders were far less successful than regular-speed viewers at identifying which brands had been shown. But for all three groups, ads in which

brand information appeared in the middle of the screen achieved greatest recognition. This was especially true for manual fast-forwarders.

In a follow-on study, Brasel and Gips looked at whether the length of exposure and location of branding in commercials might affect participants' consumer urges. Among the 20 commercials shown were ads for two British chocolate bars, Aero and Flake, presumably unfamiliar to U.S. viewers. The commercials were customized to allow two presentations for each candy: In one version, branding was central for 12 of the ad's 30 seconds; in the other, central branding appeared for only three seconds. The participants were divided into two groups. Each viewer saw longer branding for one product and shorter branding for the other.

As they departed after their session, participants were invited to choose a candy bar from a basket at the door. Regular-speed viewers chose the bar with the longer branding display 64 percent of the time; fast-forwarding viewers chose it 67 percent of the time—even though, for them, the entire commercial lasted only about 1.5 seconds. This was further confirmation that “strong central branding can break through fast-forwarding and still achieve brand memory,” conclude the authors.

What's next for Brasel and Gips? They're now studying media multi-tasking—such as what happens when people watch television while surfing the web.

Sue Rardin is a writer based in the Boston area.





Brauman and his rainbow trout caviar

Fresh eggs

by Jane Whitehead

Caviar connoisseur
Richard Brauman '98

In his junior year at Boston College, economics major Richard Brauman interned at an experimental fish farm. After graduation, while working as a senior research fellow at Boston's Federal Reserve Bank, he earned a master's degree in aquaculture and then an MBA focused on entrepreneurship and seafood marketing. You could say he is schooled in the business of fish.

In September 2005, Brauman founded the Little Pearl, which sells caviar harvested in sustainable American fisheries and packaged without preservatives to restaurants, retail markets, and online. He offers 10 different caviars (defined as salted, unfertilized fish eggs, as opposed to roe, which have been fertilized), including *Transmontains Rex*, from Idaho-raised white sturgeon, and Yukon gold salmon, from its namesake river in Alaska. His caviar has won praise and awards from the *New York Times*, *Bon Appétit*, and *Food and Wine*.

On a November afternoon Brauman, just back from a four-day trip to the Southwest running "caviar classes" for Whole Foods Markets, is at Little Pearl headquarters, a former catering kitchen and attached warehouse in Somerville, Massachusetts. Flattening his springy dark

hair under a white baseball cap and donning blue latex gloves, he genially leads the way from his office, a windowless cell off the warehouse, into the kitchen, which has the gleaming stainless-steel look of a laboratory. He opens a one-gallon jar of rainbow trout caviar from North Carolina and gently spoons the glowing amber beads onto blinis, topping them with a dab of crème fraîche. He follows this with paddlefish, a light gray caviar that connoisseurs compare with classic sevruga from the Caspian Sea. The tiny eggs burst against the palate with clean, intense flavors.

Brauman credits the fresh taste to the absence of additives other than salt in his products. Borax, commonly used as a preservative in Europe, is not allowed in American caviar. Little Pearl caviar is also milder and firmer, according to Brauman, because it is younger. "We sell most of ours within 30 days of harvesting, whereas importers age theirs a minimum of 30 days, often 60 to 90, and frequently more than a year," he says. He is currently testing new aquaculture technologies at a research fish farm in Maine that he hopes will yield fresher, better-tasting caviar. "Our goal won't be met until we can use our own farm system to produce fresh caviar year-round."



RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

"AS SENIOR CLASS GIFT CHAIRS, WE LEARNED THE POWER OF PARTICIPATION FIRSTHAND. IT'S WHY WE'VE COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE NEENAN CHALLENGE. IF BC HAS A TOTAL OF 25,000 ALUMNI CONTRIBUTORS BY MAY 31, GENEROUS DONORS WILL GIVE THE UNIVERSITY AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 FOR FINANCIAL AID. HELP US STRENGTHEN A PRIORITY VITAL TO THE *LIGHT THE WORLD* CAMPAIGN AND SECURE A BC EDUCATION FOR DESERVING STUDENTS. THIS YEAR, MORE THAN EVER, YOUR GIFT GOES FARTHER!"

—RYAN HARMS '07, BILL LYTCH '09,
AND ALEXANDRA FAKLIS '08, MA'09

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FROM LEFT: Neenan Challenge donors Ryan Harms '07, Bill Lytch '09, and Alexandra Faklis '08, MA'09, with University Vice President William Neenan, SJ, H'08, whose dedication to Boston College helped inspire this financial aid challenge. Photograph by Lee Pellegrini